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THE
Rarities of *Richmond:*
BEING
EXACT DESCRIPTIONS
OF THE
Royal Hermitage,
AND
Merlin's CAVE.
WITH HIS
LIFE and PROPHESIES.

Deus nobis hæc otia fecit. VIRG.

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TO

Mrs. *PURCELL:*

AS You, Madam, *have the* Honour *of being a moſt agreeable Repreſentative in a ſilent Scene of Royal Amuſement, I hope you will permit me to put this petit Deſcription of the* HERMITAGE *and the* CAVE *under your Protection.*

You, likewiſe, Madam, *daily enjoy a moſt inexpreſſible Happineſs thro' the Favour of that Illuſtrious* QUEEN *who founded theſe* Noble Retirements; *and as Lord* Lanſdowne *juſtly ſings,*

---------whoſe pow'rful *Smile* alone,
Commands *Obedience*, and ſecures the Throne;
Contending *Parties* and *Plebeian* Rage,
Had puzzled *Loyalty* for half an Age;

Conqu'ring

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Conqu'ring our Hearts, SHE ends the long Diſpute,
All that have Eyes confeſs HER *Abſolute.*
To *Tory Doctrines* now, the *Whigs* reſign,
And, in her Perſon, own the *Right Divine.*

The Waxen-Images in the CAVE, *afford ſome very pleaſing Ideas.*

Here, Madam, *YOU properly preſide, in Point of Time; and who knows what Time may accompliſh in the Cataſtrophe!*

Here, the living Merlin *may admire the Beauty of his* Eliza, *without putting her to the Bluſh; and ſhe may return the Viſit by vouchſafing him, unknown, the unparallel'd Charms of a Virgin-Smile.*

Who can foreſee what may happen between the Secretary *and* Minerva! *As for Venerable* Nurſe, *ſhe will be well rewarded by holding one of* Hymen's *Tapers at either Nuptial which may be firſt celebrated.*

Theſe

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These Ænigma, *none but a* Merlin *can explain; and all the Point I have in View,* Madam, *is, publickly to acknowledge my Gratitude for a peculiar Favour received from your Family.*

E. C.

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THE HISTORY OF *MERLIN*, THE Ancient *Britiſh* PROPHET.

SINCE this Legendary Story, of MERLIN the *Welſh* Wizard, hath been thought worthy of Royal Regard; inſomuch that an Edifice is now erected to his Memory, for the Benefit of honeſt *Stephen Duck* and his Wife; in order therefore the better to ſuit her Place, I ſhall *threſh-out*, from the Monkiſh Hiſtorians, ſome few ſhort Notices; which, as a *Neceſſary Woman*, ſhe may recite to

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the numerous Visitors of the CAVE, more especially the Ladies.

As to the Denomination of MERLIN, our noted Countryman and eminent Lexicographer, *Stephen Skinner* *, tells us, that it is both the Name of a *Hawk*, and of a *Fish*; and *Florio* in his *Italian* Dictionary †, declares it to be the *Whiting*. The *French* will have the *Merleton*, and the Toupees of the Town the *Merlin*, to be likewise derived from *Merlin*. But to sum up all the Honours bestowed on the Name of this Conjurer, our late departed Friend *John Partridge*, of Astrological Memory, who was not one himself, gave that of *Merlinus Liberatus* †† to his Almanack, and which, it is generally thought, was the chief Motive for christening this Structure——MERLIN's CAVE. But now to the Man.

Geoffry

* Vid. Etym. Ling. Ang.

† *Ital.* Merla, Merlana *idem*, q.d. Merula Piscis. *Ang.* a Whiting.

†† i. e. *Merlin* Restored.

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Geoffry of *Monmouth* * reports, that he was born at *Caermarthen* in *Wales*, and lived towards the Close of the fifth Century. But that honeſt Chronicler *John Speed* roundly rallieth him for *having adventured to divulge under the Name of Authentique Prophecies, deceitful Conjectures, and Fore-deemings of* (ſaith he) *one* Merlin *a Wizard.*

However, the credulous *Monk*, above-mentioned, tells us theſe Stories, that, "The renowned Prince UTER PENDRAGON went to "conſult MERLIN how he might accompliſh "his Wiſhes with that peerleſs Paragon of "Beauty the fair Lady IGREN, Wife of GORLOIS Duke of *Cornwall.*

Thus, again ſaith *John Speed*, was this Affair "brought to paſs by MERLIN's Magical Feats. "The Wizard altogether new moulded the "Shape of King UTER, and printed in his "Face the Feature of GORLOIS her own Lord, "by which Means, and without Suſpect, the "King diſhonourably violated this Lady's Cha-

* De Rebus Geſtis Anglor.

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" ſtity; in which Bed of Deceit, the famous " King ARTHUR was begot.

Amidſt the numerous Donations of that charitable and religious Monarch King *JOHN*, more eſpecially the Monaſtery which he founded for *Nunnes*, at *Godſtowe*, near *Oxford*, many have interpreted this Prophecy of MERLIN to be meant.

Sith Virgine-Giftes to Maides bee gave,
'Mongſt bleſſed Saintes God will him ſave.

Our memorable and good old Chronicler *Ralph Holinſhead* thus writeth, *viz.* " There " was a found *Welſh* Prophecy of *Merlin's*, *viz.* " as if King *HENRY* the IVth were the " Mowldwarpe curſed of God's owne Mouthe. " And the Earls *Mortimer*, *Piercie*, and *Glen-* " *dowr*, the *Dragon*, *Lyon*, and *Wolfe*, which " ſhoulde divide this Realme between them.

We are told by a learned Author*, " That " *Merlin* is a general Name given to *Magicians*; " which takes its Riſe, *ſays he*, from one *Merlin*,

* Moy. Dict. Trevoux, ſur Artic. de MERLIN.

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" *Merlin*, a famous *Britiſh Magician* or *Inchanter* " who flouriſhed in the fifth Century. It is ſaid " that he was begotten by a Dæmon, called " *Incubus*, upon the Body of an *Engliſh Lady*, " who was formerly a Maid of Honour to one " of the *Britiſh Queens*." So that the Public are puzled and cannot rightly underſtand whether he was a MAN, or a DEVIL, but by this laſt Account he ſeems to have had a Spice of BOTH.

However, it is no Matter who *Merlin* was, or from whom he was deſcended; it is certain that he has given Name to this Royal CAVE, and it is as certain that *Stephen Duck* is the *Cave-keeper*, and his Wife, thereof, the *Neceſſary Woman*; and to whom we are next to pay a Viſit.

In the *Royal Gardens* of RICHMOND, about a Mile diſtant from the Palace, through ſeveral fine Walks and agreeable Labyrinths (the Ground being moſt beautifully laid out) you arrive at

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MERLIN's CAVE.

The Denomination of this Place, as *Caleb D' Anvers* hath observed, is indeed an *Impropriety*, because it is a Building *above Ground* *. It is also a thatch'd Edifice, and very Gothique. The Room is circular, supported by Wooden-Pillars, and the Walls, at present, bare. At each End of the Room are a few Books in three small Niches (tho' it is not doubted but that Mr. *Duck's* Library will daily increase.) The Books appear in the neat Plainness of Quakerism, being all covered with White-Vellum, and their Names written, in a legible Hand, upon their Backs. In the Middle of this Room, on the Right Hand, Mrs. *Duck* conducts you to Six waxen Images, the Handy-Work of Mrs. *Salmon*, all taken from the Life.

I. *Merlin* from Mr. *Ernest*, Page of the Back Stairs to the Prince of *Wales*.

II. Queen *Elizabeth*, from Miss *Paget*.

III. Her

* *See the* Craftsman *of* Sat. 13 *Sept.* 1735.

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Mere de Merlins le Napolitin.

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III. Her Nurſe, (alias a *Witch*) from a Tradeſman's Wife in *Richmond.*

IV. *Henry* the VIIth's *Queen,* from Mrs. *Margaret Purcell.*

V. *Minerva,* from the Hon. Mrs. *Poyntz.*

VI. *Merlin's* Secretary, from Mr. *Kemp* a Youth, one of the Duke's Grenadiers.

The SCENE Repreſents,

I. *Merlin,* ſitting at a Table in a muſing Poſture, with his Conjuring-Wand, Books and Mathematical Inſtruments before him, his Eye caſt towards that Shelf, in the Nich next him, whereon ſtands the Life and Predictions of the late celebrated *Duncan Campbell* the *North-Britiſh* Conjurer.

II. On the other Side of the Table a Young Lad his Secretary.

III. On the Right Hand of *Merlin* ſtand Queen *Elizabeth.* And

IV. Her

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IV. Her Nurſe. And over-againſt him,

V. *Henry* the VIIth's Queen. And

VI. *Minerva.*

Having paid our Devoirs not to *Old*, but to *Young* MERLIN, (who, by the bye, as here repreſented by his Molten Image in Wax, does not ſhew a Perſon of above Thirty Years of Age) and had ſome agreeable Chit-Chat with Mr. *Duck* (who informed us that, in Imitation of Mr. *Pope*, he too was printing his Ruſtic Rimes by Subſcription) we took our Leave; and by our Guide was conducted to Mr. *Bridgman*'s Ground, in whoſe Territories, as a Gardener, ſtands

THE *HERMITAGE.*

We could not help admiring the beautiful and moſt delightful Terras next the River *Thames*; after which, we purſued our Journey, and were led through a great Number of cloſe Alleys, whoſe

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L'Ermitage.

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whoſe Hedges were neatly clipt, up to this Building; the Architecture of which, is alſo very Gothique, being a Heap of Stones thrown into a very artful Diſorder, and curiouſly embelliſhed with Moſs and Shrubs, to repreſent *rude Nature*. The Entrance of this Pile is adorned with a Range of Iron Paliſades finely gilt, near which a Perſon attends readily to open the Gate to all Comers.

As ſoon as you enter you perceive in the Front a very curious Buſto of the Celebrated and Honourable

ROBERT BOYLE, Eſq;

Illuminated behind with Rays of Gold.

AND

In Niches on each Side, are placed the Buſtoes of

Sir

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Sir ISAAC NEWTON.

Mr. LOCKE.

Dr. CLARKE.

Mr. WOLLASTON. *

* Author of, *The Religion of Nature Delineated*; not *Woolston* who wrote againſt the Miracles.

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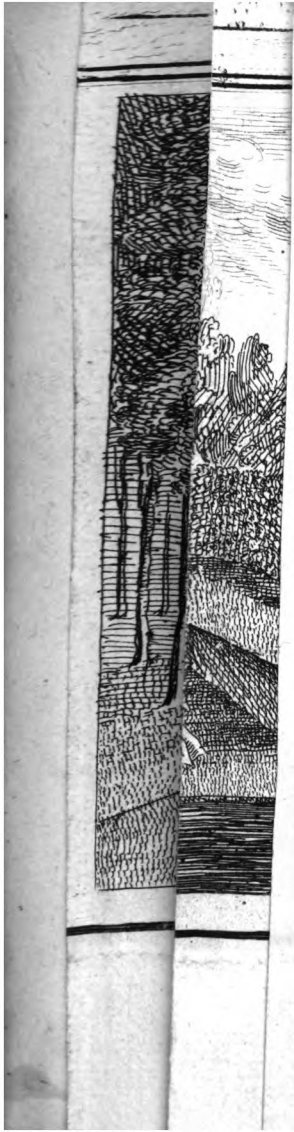

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VERSES
ON THE
HERMITAGE.

By STEPHEN DUCK.

NOW bluſh, *Calypſo*, 'tis but juſt to yield,
That all your *Moſſy Caves* are here excell'd.

See how the Walls in humble Form advance
With careleſs Pride, and ſimple Elegance;
See Art and Nature ſtrive with equal Grace,
And Fancy charm'd with what ſhe can't ſurpaſs.
Flow ſwiftly *Thames*, and flowing ſtill proclaim
This Building's Beauty, and the Builder's Fame.

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Tell *Indian* Seas thy *Naiads* here have seen
The sweetest GROTTO, and the wisest QUEEN,
Whose Royal Presence blest this humble Seat;
How small the Mansion, but the Guest how Great!

So Angels sat in *Canaan*'s blest Abodes;
So Rural Shades were honour'd by the Gods:
Here may her Soul th' Almighty's Wonders trace,
Far as the Worthies who adorn the Place;
Whose awful Bustoes round the *Grot* appear,
The brightest Stars in Learning's Hemisphere.
Their Fathers dimly view'd the dawning Ray;
They rose like Suns, and brought a Flood of Day.

But

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But ceaſe, my Muſe, and caſt thy wond'ring Eyes
Where *Phœbus* lofty Domes Majeſtic riſe; *
Whoſe tuneful Trains have ſung this GROTTO's Praiſe,
Contending each, 'till each deſerves the Bays.
O pardon Me, ye learned Sons of Fame,
Who faintly, after You, attempt the Theme;
Nor think I rival your Poetic Fires,
My QUEEN commands, and *Gratitude* inſpires:
And you, *Imperial Foundreſs*, daign to ſmile,
Nor ſcorn the *leaſt*, the *lateſt*, Muſe's Toil,
Who brings the *tardy Off'ring* of her Lays,
The *firſt* in *Duty*; tho' the *laſt* in *Praiſe*.

* *Weſtminſter* and *Eaton* Colleges.

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ON THE
BUSTOES
Placed by
Her MAJESTY
IN THE
HERMITAGE.

Written by a LADY.

O QUEEN! more learn'd than e'er *Britannia* saw,
Since our fam'd *Tudor* to these Realms gave Law;
O Wife more happy in thy Lord alone,
Than in the Pow'r and Splendor of his Throne.

O

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O Mother bleſt in thy Illuſtrious Race;

The Guardian Angel of our future Peace!

O Patroneſs of Science! wilt thou daign

T' accept from thy own Sex, this artleſs Strain?

Around thy Throne too dazling Glories dwell;

Let me, moſt Gracious Queen, approach thy Cell.

Hail happy *Grotto!* to thy bleſt Retreat

Greatneſs retires, to be more truly Great;

Here, by the Sculptor's Art, are well deſign'd,

BUSTOES of Men who dignify'd their Kind;

Boyle, *Newton*, *Locke*; with *Wollaſton* and *Clarke*,

Thoſe Paths illumine, Ignorance made dark;

Reaſon

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Reaſon and Arts; Truths Moral and Divine;

In their Immortal Works unclouded ſhine.

Reſemblance the well-judging Eye delights,

And th' active Soul, to ſemblant Thought excites;

Intent ſhe'exerts her Faculties and Pow'rs,

Riſes in Thought, in Contemplation tow'rs.

Wiſdom and *Piety* their Beams unite

To ſhine in *Boyle*, with all Conviction's Light;

Which thro' the various Works of Nature ſhows

God the prime Source, whence all Perfection flows.

Newton, th' All-wiſe Creator's Works explores;

Sublimely on the Wings of Knowledge ſoars;

Th'

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Th'eſtabliſh'd Order of each Orb unfolds,
And, God Omnipotent in All, beholds;
If to the dark Abyſs, or bright Abode
He points, the View ſtill terminates in God.

Reaſon, that Emanation of the Mind,
Breaks forth in *Locke*, diffuſive and refin'd.

The Moral Duties *Wollaſton* diſplays,
Of *Nature's Laws* the firm Foundation lays.

In *Clarke* the Chriſtian Purity appears,
Reveal'd Religion he divinely clears;
From Miſts of Error, Vapours of blind Zeal
Which oft, her Heav'n-born Beauties, wou'd conceal;
From Sanguine Marks, which her pure Whiteneſs ſtain'd,
And All her Sacred Truths, polluted and profan'd.

Here

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Here Reaſon, Knowledge, Primogenial-Law,
Submit to Faith with Reverential Awe;
'Tis the Celeſtial Grace! muſt thoſe refine,
'Tis her Impreſſion ſtamps 'em All Divine.

Theſe are the WORTHIES whom our Glorious QUEEN
Delights to Honour, in this *ſolemn Scene.*
Here *conſecrates* their *Memory* to *Fame*,
Uniting *Theirs*, to *Her Own* deathleſs *Name.*

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THE
Cheſhire PROPHET.

IN the Reign of King JAMES the *Firſt*, the Honourable Family of *Cholmondley*, at *Vale-Royal* in *Cheſhire*, kept (according to the Cuſtom of that Age) a *Fool*, whoſe Name was *Nixon*; but ſo very a *Natural*, that he was not capable of ſpeaking ſix Words together. *Yes* or *No* was the Top of his Eloquence; nor was he ever heard to utter even thoſe Words, but when preſſed by Hunger, Thirſt, or ſome Natural Dictate. However, by continual Cuſtom, and the Care of the Steward, he was made capable of Driving the *Oxen* at Plough; when, One Day, as he was in the Field performing this Duty with his Fellow-Servants, he let fall the *Goad*, and ſtood immoveable, with his Eyes wide open, and fixed towards Heaven; nor could all the Words, Blows, Pinching, *&c.* of his Fellows, fetch him *out of this Trance for the Space of above an Hour*; at the End of which Time, he recovered of himſelf, and taking up his *Goad*, went on with his Employ as if nothing had ailed him. The Men who were at Work with him, asked him, with great Surprize, What made him ſtand ſtill? and why he had delayed them ſo long? when, to their great Aſtoniſhment, he made them a ſenſible Diſcourſe of near two Hours length, without the leaſt Heſitation: In

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which he foretold the *Civil Wars.* The *Death* of King CHARLES the First. The *Reſtoration* of King CHARLES the Second. The *Abdication* of King JAMES. The *Revolution* by King WILLIAM; and many other Things, not yet come to paſs. *Adding*, that for a Confirmation of the Truth of what he had ſpoken, *He ſhould be ſent for by the King to* London, *and ſtarved to Death.* When he had finiſhed his Speech, he returned to his former Capacity of Silence; and was never obſerved to have any better Underſtanding or Speech than he had before this happened. The Men who were at Work with him made a Report of this as a Prodigy, when they returned Home to their Maſter; and this PROPHECY has been preſerved by Tradition ever ſince among the Deſcendants of that Worthy Family, and the Country People.

It is obſervable, that King JAMES the First, hearing of this Accident, had a Curioſity to ſee the Fellow, and ſent for him to Court, giving him in Charge to one of the Officers of his Houſhold, to provide him with neceſſary Lodging and Diet in his own Palace; but withal, to keep him up cloſe, and make ſtrict Obſervation on his Behaviour, that he might be ſatisfied there was no Impoſture in the Matter. The Gentleman did ſo, but, alas! performed his Truſt with a Severity the King never intended. For the Court removing for Ten Days to *Theobalds* in *Hertfordſhire*, he was obliged to attend the King, and going in a Hurry, forgot poor *Nixon*, who being locked up, and not having the Benefit of Speech, was, *as he truly foretold*, ſtarved to Death. There

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There were *Three* other Particulars, very remarkable in *this* his *Prophecy*.

The One was, that whenever the Wall which encompaſſed *Vale-Royal* fell down, it *denoted ſome very great Change in the Government*; and that if it were a *ſerene* Day, and the *Wall fell inwards*, it *ſhewed an advantagious and happy Change*; but if it were a *ſtormy* Day, and the *Wall* fell *outwards*, and any of the *Stones* fell into the *Brook*, it *betokened the direct contrary*.

This *Prophecy* cauſed the ſucceſſive Heirs of that Seat to keep ſeveral Workmen in Yearly Pay to ſupport the *Wall*; and once a Month to inſpect it all round; ſo that by continual Repairing, it was buttreſſed both *within* and *without*, and but the Week before it *fell*, the Workmen had viewed it according to Cuſtom, and given in, that *it was now ſo ſtrong, it might reaſonably be expected to laſt an Hundred Years without any Repair*. Yet on *Trinity-Sunday*, 1688, about Eleven in the Forenoon, being a *calm, clear, Sun-ſhiny* Day, without a Breath of Wind, *this Wall fell flat on the Ground* WITHIN *the Court, and not ſo much as a ſingle Stone fell* OUTWARDS. What Change was produced in the Nation, by the Tranſactions of that *very memorable Day*, is too well known to need a Repetition.

Nixon alſo ſaid, that in Proceſs of Time, there would be an Heir born to that Family, who ſhould be of very great Parts, and arrive to greater Honour than any of his Predeceſſors.

That

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That the Time would come, there ſhould be *Three* Competitors for the Crown of *Britain*; and that this Gentleman ſhould be eminently inſtrumental in placing the Right Prince on the Throne, and ſecuring a laſting Peace, with a continued Series of Honour and Glory to the Nation.

That he ſhould be known by an *Eagle* which would come at the Time of his Birth, and ſit at the Chamber-Window till he was born, and after ſome Time fly quite away.

N. B. The *Third* Part of MERLIN's *Life and* PROPHECIES *is in the Preſs.*

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Who ſhould the Britiſh State *Anatomize.*

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TO

Mr. *DUCK.*

Friend STEPHEN,

A POET, *as eminent as your Neighbour* POPE, *thus ſings,*

In the good Days of Gboſtly Ignorance,
How did Cathedrals *riſe, and* Holy Zeal *advance?*
The merry Monks *ſaid* Oraiſons *at eaſe,*
Large were their Meals, *and light their* Penances.
But now, that pious Pageantry's *no more,*
For Stages *thrive as* Churches *did before.**

Thus varies the Preſent, *from the Scene in* MERLIN's *Days; a Continuation of whoſe* Supernatural Endowments, *I here lay before you.*

So

* Dr. GARTH's *Prologue* at the Opening of the QUEEN's *Theatre* in the *Hay-Market.*

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So surprizing was our Prophet's Birth, that his Mother declared to King Vortigern, *she did not know his* Father; *a* Modern *Precedent may help to explain this* Mystery; *which, for your* Information, *I shall faithfully relate,* viz.

A beautiful young Lady in Leicestershire, *alike tempting both in Person and Purse, became the fond Object of many Admirers; she was inflexible as to Marriage; yet, luckily for him who was the most ardent of her Lovers, she proved with Child.*

Being greatly amazed, at the Internal Movements she felt; and wholly innocent of any Carnal Contact, *and very pious withal; she sent to her Parochial Priest, desired him to request the Prayers of the Congregation, and to offer a handsome Gratuity to any Person who could discover the Indignity she had sustained.*

Upon this, the Gentleman whose Issue she teem'd with, instantly confessed to the Priest, that Cupid *giving him Notice when she lay asleep one Summer-Afternoon upon her Couch; he readily laid hold of*

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the Opportunity, unlock'd her Virgin-Casket, and left her this Pledge of his moſt ſincere Affection. The News being conveyed to the Lady, and her Lover in the higheſt Extaſy, a happy Conjunction of Hymen *and* Venus *ſoon after enſued, and many were the* Epithalamiums *on this Occaſion.*

Why might not this have been the Caſe of our Royal Nun? *But, a farther Diſcuſſion of this Point I muſt defer till the next Opportunity: when I will produce the Evidence of* Merlin's *Mother, and conſider, in all its Circumſtances, the* Efficacy *of a* Spiritual Compreſſion; *by which Means, only, ſhe declared our Prophet came into the World.*

E. C.

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THE LIFE AND PROPHESIES OF *MERLIN.*

MERLINUS, *firnamed* AMBROSIUS,* although he lived in the Time of prophane Paganiſm, was a profeſſed Chriſtian, and therefore his Auguries the better to be approved and allowed: For they genuinely and properly comply with the

* The Life of *Merlin*, ſirnamed *Ambroſius*, By *Thomas Heywood*, 4to. Lond. 1641.

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Truth of our Chronologie. He firſt flouriſhed in the Time of King VORTIGERNUS the Uſurper of the Crowne.

This credulous Writer averreth, That there was a Towne or Citty, called *Kaier-Merlin*, which implyes *Merlin*'s Towne, or *Merlin*'s Burrough, which is, no doubt, the ſame *(ſaith he)* which we call at this Day *Marlborrow*.

MERLIN was born of a Mother, who knew not his Father: † She was Daughter to the King *Demetius*, and lived a Votareſſe in a Nunnery belonging to the Church of Saint *Peter* in *Marlborrow*.

King *Vortigern* determining to build him a Caſtle (called *Generon*, or *Gwayneren*, on the Weſt-Side of the River *Grana)* upon a Hill called *Cloaricus*, in *Wales*, ſent for *Merlin* to conſult him about the Foundation thereof.

MERLIN

† He was begot by a Dæmon, as it is ſaid, *Plato* was

MERLIN diſcloſed the Secrets of Nature, and told the King that, *in the Breſt of this Hill, lay a vaſt Moat, or deep Poole, at the Bottome of which were two hollow Rocks of Stone, and in them two horrible* DRAGONS *faſt ſleeping.*

This, upon digging, the King found to be true; for, *out of the Rocks iſſued two fierce and cruel* DRAGONS, *the one* RED, *the other* WHITE, *and made betwixt them, a violent and terrible Conflict.*

But in the End the WHITE *Dragon prevailed over the* RED, *at which Sight the King being greatly ſtupified and amazed, demand of* MERLIN, What this their Combat might portend? *Who fetching a deep Sigh, and Tears in abundance iſſuing from his Eyes, with a Prophetical Spirit, made him this following Anſwer,* viz.

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MERLIN's
Firſt PROPHESY.

Woe's me! for the Red Dragon, for alach,
The Time is come hee haſteth to his mach:
The bloudy Serpent, (yet whoſe Souls are white)
Implys that Nation, on which thy Delight
Was late ſole-fixt, (the Saxons) who as Friends
Came to thee firſt, by ayming at ſhrewd Ends
They ſhall have Power over the drooping Red,
In which the Britiſh Nation's figured.
Drive ſhall hee them into Caves, Holes and Dens,
To barren Mountains and to mooriſh Fens;
Hills ſhall remove to where the Vallies ſtood,
And all the Baths and Brooks ſhall flow with Bloud;
The Worſhip of the Holy God ſhall ceaſe,
For in thilk Dayes the Kirke ſhall have no Peace:
The Panims (woe the White) ſhall get the Day,
And with their Idols Mawmetry beare ſway;
And yet in fine ſhee that was ſo oppreſt,
Shall mount, and in the high Rocks build her Neſt,

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For out of Cornwall ſhall proceed a Boare,
Who ſhall the Kirke to priſtine State reſtore,
Bow ſhall all Britaine to his Kingly Beck,
And tread he ſhall on the White Dragon's Neck.

Then caſting a ſad Look upon the King, as reading his Fate in his Forehead, he muttered to himſelf and ſaid,

But well-away for Thee, to Britaine deere,
For I foreſee thy ſad Diſaſter's neere.

Which accordingly hapned, and that within few Years after. For the two Sons of *Conſtantine* whom *Vortigern* had cauſed to be ſlain, aſſiſted by their neere Kinſman *Pudentius*, King of *Armorica*, paſſed the Sea with a compleat Army, landed at *Totneſſe*, and ſoon were joined by the *Britons*.

Theſe two Brothers, *Ambroſius-Aurelius* and *Uter Pendragon*, made their ſpeedy Expedition towards *Wales*; where *Vortigern* the Uſurper was ſorely beſieged by them, and, in his own Caſtle, they burned him and all his People alive.

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AN EXPLANATION OF *The foregoing* PROPHECY.

You have ſeen the Fall of the wicked *Vortigern*; for of him it is reported that he had *Carnal Society* with his own *Daughter*, in hopes that KINGS ſhould iſſue from them: Thus died he moſt miſerably, when he had reigned ſince his laſt Inauguration Nine Years and ſome odd Months: The Particulars are as follow, *viz.*

I. The *Red* and *White* DRAGONS figured, are the *Britiſh* and *Saxon* People.

II. The *Caverns*, *Mountains* and *Mooriſh Places*, &c. ſhew into what Diſtreſs the Natives ſhould be driven by the *Invaders* of their Country.

III. *The Hills and Vallies ſhifting Places*, &c. ſhew that there is no Difference among the poor *Britons*,

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Britons, betwixt the Courtier and the Cottager, the Peer and the Peaſant.

IV. By the *Rivers flowing with Blood*, &c. is foretold the many Battles which ſhould be fought betwixt the two Nations, and that in thoſe Days Religion, and the true Worſhip of God ſhould be ſuppreſſed.

V. By *the* BOAR *which ſhould come out of Cornwall, and tread upon the Neck of the* White DRAGON, is meant the invincible King *ARTHUR*, who vanquiſhed the *Saxons*, and was a great Maintainer and Exalter of the Chriſtian Religion.

Beſides the foregoing Prophecy, before his Departure from *Vortigern*'s Court, *Merlin* did leave in the King's Cloſet this *Second* Prediction of his diſaſtrous End, *viz.*

Fly from theſe ſeveral Fatall Fires, O! King,
Which from leſſe Britain the two Exiles bring:
Now are their Ships a-rigging, now forſake,
Th' Armoricke Shoares, and towards Albion make,
T' avenge

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T' avenge their murdered Brothers Bloud on Thee,
In Totneſſe Road to morrow they will bee,
The Saxon Princes ſhall contend in vain,
For young Aurelius having Hengiſt ſlaine,
Shall peaceably poſſeſſe the Britiſh Throne,
Striving the oppoſite Nations to attone.
He the true Faith ſhall ſeek t' advance on high,
But in the queſt thereof by Poyſon die;
*The Dragon's Head, * his Brother ſhall ſucceed,*
And after many a brave Heroick Deed
By him perform'd, the Fates ſhall ſtrive to waft
His Soul o'er Styx, by a like poyſonous Draught,
But thoſe who ſent them to th' Elizian Bower
His Son, the Boare of Cornwall † ſhall devour.

This Prophecy needs no Comment, being ſo plain it ſelf in the Succeſs thereof: for *Arthur*, figured under the Name of *Aper Cornubiæ*, the *Boar* of *Cornwall*, was Son to *Uter Pendragon*, here called the *Head* of the *Dragon*.

Amongſt

* *Uter Pendragon*, † King *Arthur*.

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Amongſt many brave Heroical Acts done by *Aurelius Ambroſius*, after the Death of *Vortigern*, he maintained the middle Part of the Kingdom of *Britain* and *Wales*, endeavouring to repair all the ruined Forts, Caſtles and Citadels; but eſpecially the Chriſtian Temples, which were much defaced by the Pagan-Idolaters, cauſing Divine Service to be ſaid in them, and after that, encountered the *Saxons* at the Hill of *Baden* or *Badove*, where he ſlew many of them, and utterly routed their whole Army. After which Defeat, another *Saxon* Prince named *Porthe*, with his two Sons, landed at a Haven in *Suſſex*, from whom the Place was called *Portſmouth*. Others landed alſo in ſeveral Parts of the Kingdom, ſo that *Aurelius* was engaged with them in many Battles, and for the moſt part came off Conquerour.

This Prince, by the Help of *Merlin*, cauſed the great Stones on the Plain of *Salisbury* † to be brought in a Whirlwind, in one Night, out

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† *Stonehenge.*

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of *Ireland*; and placed, where they now ſtand, in Remembrance of the *Britiſh* Lords there ſlain, and after buried, in the Time of the pretended Treaty, and Communication had, betwixt *Vortigern* and *Hengiſt*; but *Polychronicon* and ſome other Writers, aſcribe their Tranſportage to his Brother *Uter Pendragon*, at whoſe Requeſt to *Merlin*, that Miraculous Conveyance was performed: *Credat qui vult.*

We ſhall next proceed to the Noble King *Arthur*, and recite *Merlin*'s Prophecy of him before his Birth.

The Corniſh Boare ſhall fill with his Devotion,
The Chriſtian World; the Iſlands of the Ocean
He ſhall ſubdue: the Fleur de Lis's Plant
In his own Garden, and prove Paramant.

The two-neckt Roman Eagle hee ſhall make
To flag her Plumes, and her faint Feathers quake.

Pagans ſhall ſtrive in vain to bend or break him.
Who ſhall be Meat to all the Mouthes that ſpeake him;

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Yet ſhall his End be doubtfull: Him Six Kings
Shall orderly ſucceed, but when their Wings
Are clipt by Death, a German Worme ſhall riſe,
Who ſhall the Britiſh State Anatomiſe.
Him ſhall a Sea-Wolfe, waited on by Woods,
From Africke brought, to paſſe Sainte George's Floods,
Advance on high: then ſhall Religion faile,
And then ſhall Londons-Clergie Honour vaile
To Dorobernia: hee that Seventh ſhall ſit
In th' Eboracenſick See, hee forc'd to flit
Into Armorica: Menevia ſad
Shall with the Legion Cities Pall be clad;
And they that in thilk Dayes ſhall live, may ſee
That all theſe Changes in the Kirke ſhall bee.

EXPLANATION.

I. Here, by the renowned King *ARTHUR's ſhaking off the Eagle's Feathers*; was meant his great Victory over the *Romans*: who when their Prince *LUCIUS* with Ten other Kings invaded *Britain* with a very numerous Hoſt, moſt of them King *ARTHUR* ſlew, and acquitted the Payment of the *Roman* Tribute-Money

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which had been *excised* from the Time of *JULIUS CÆSAR*. He likewise got the Soveraignty over many Provinces subjugate to the *Roman* Empire, and sent the dead Body of *LUCIUS*, slain in Battle, back to *Rome*, there to be interred.

II. What is said *of his Name being Meat to all the Mouths that should speak of Him*, was meant no other, but that the very Relation of his Noble Atchievements should be a Refreshing and Delight to all such as heard of them.

III. It being said that, *his End should be doubtful*; this Prediction hath been most undoubtfully verified, for the various Reports which Historians have given us, render the Manner of it *doubtful* even unto this Day.

IV. *The Six Kings who succeeded him*, were, I. *CONSTANTINE* the eldest Son of *CADOR*, Duke of *Cornwall*, and *ARTHUR*'s Cousin *German*. II. Was *CONSTANTINE*'s Brother. III. *CONANUS AURELIUS*, their Nephew. IV. *VORTIPORIUS*. V. *MALGO*. VI. *CARETIUS*.

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When King *ARTHUR* in that great Battle wherein he diſcomfited and ſlew his Couſin the Arch-Traytor *Mordred* (himſelf being mortally wounded) had retired into the Vale of *Avelan* (which it is ſaid was the Place of his Death, although the Manner of it be uncertainly related) he ſent for his Couſin *Conſtantine* and made him King; againſt whom the *Saxons*, aſſiſted by the two Sons of *Mordred*, aſſembled themſelves, he defeated them in ſundry Battles. The *Elder* Son of *Mordred*, who had fortified *Winchester*, he took in the Church of Saint *Amphibalus*, whither he had fled for Sanctuary, and ſlew him before the Altar. The *Younger* Son he found hid in a Monaſtery in *London*, whom he cauſed likewiſe to be ſlain, *A. C.* 543. But in the third Year after, he was perfidiouſly betrayed to Death by the Contrivance of his Nephew *Conanus Aurelius*, and his Body Royally interred in Mount *Ambria*, near unto that of *Uter Pendragon*.

V. What is herein ſaid of *The German* WORM, *and the* SEA WOLF *waited on by Woods brought from Africa, through Saint* GEORGE's *Channel, to ſupport*

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ſupport him; are figured, the *Saxons* (in the *Worm*) and (in the *Wolf*) *GORMONDUS* King of *Africa*, who in the Time of *CARETIUS* came with a mighty Navy into the *Britiſh* Seas.

VI. And laſtly, *Religion ſhall fail*, ſaith our Prophet. This happened when *Gormondus* with the *Saxons* deſtroyed all Religious Houſes, and Churches, inſomuch, that if a Chriſtian Native ſhewed his Head, he was ſubject to Perſecution and Torture. It follows in the Prophecy, that the *Honour of* London's *Clergy ſhould give place to* Dorobernia *or* Canterbury; *That the* Seventh *who ſate in the* Eboracenſian *or* York *See, ſhould be compelled to fly into* Armorica *or* Little Britain; *and that* Menevia *ſhould be adorned with the Pall that belonged to the City of* Legions; by theſe are meant the Three Archbiſhopricks of *London*, *York*, and *Canterbury*, to which *latter*, that of the *former* was transferred by Saint *Auguſtine*, whom Pope *Gregory* ſent hither with others, to preach the Goſpel; He alſo gave the Primacy of the City of *Legions* to *Menevia* a City of *Wales*.

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Wales. The *Seventh* Archbiſhop of *York* was named *Sampſon*, who in that great Perſecution made by the *Africans* and the *Saxons*, with Six of his Brothers, all Clergymen, of great Sanctity of Life, fled into *Armorica*, and there eſtabliſhed his Metropolitan See. He made his Six Brothers Rectors of other Churches; who alſo in a ſhort Time became capable of the Epiſcopal Dignity.

Theſe *Seven* Brethren, not only the Natives of the Country, but all the bordering Provinces, called the SEVEN SAINTS of *Britain*. They are ſaid to have been the Iſſue of two noble Parents, and whoſe Mother, after a mature Teeming-Time, was delivered of them, All, in one Day.

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MERLIN's
Fourth PROPHECY.

The Heavens inſtead of Water, Bloud ſhall ſhower;
And Famine ſhall both young and old devour:
Droop, and be ſad, ſhall the Red Dragon then,
But after mickle Time be blithe agen.
And now the Serpent that was white before,
Shall have his Silver-Scales all drench'd in Gore.
Seven Scepter-bearing-Kings in Field ſhall die,
One of whoſe ſainted-Souls ſhall pierce the Sky.
Kept ſhall the Babes be, from their Mother's Wombes,
And ſoon as climbe on Earth, grope for their Tombes.
All by a brazen-Man ſhall come to paſſe,
Who, likewiſe mounted on his Steed of Braſſe,
Both Night and Day will London's prime Gate keep,
Whether the careleſs People wake, or ſleep.

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EXPLANATION.

When *CADWALLO* was King of this Iſland, the 13th Monarch from *BRUTE*, it rained Bloud for three Days ſucceſſively; after which followed great Swarms of infectious Flies, from whoſe Bitings or Stingings there was great Mortality in this Land.

I. The *Shower of Bloud*, mentioned in this Prophecy, farther intimates the *great Effuſion of Bloud loſt among the* Britons, and from whence that Nation was figured under the *Red Dragon*: This Kingdom much drooped until after great Sufferance and Labour, it was reſtored to its priſtine State and Dignity: for *Cadwallo* in 633, after many horrid Croſſes, Diſaſters, Expulſion from his Kingdom, and the Loſs of his whole Inheritance, was forced with a few of his Followers,

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that remained of his many Legions, to retire into *Armorica*, or *Little Britain*, unto his Couſin King *Solomon*, who afforded him a moſt friendly Reception; and, in the following Spring furniſhed him with an Army of ten thouſand able Men, with whom he ſafely and proſperouſly arrived in theſe his own Native and Hereditary Provinces; and hearing that *PÆANDA* King of *Mercia*, or Middle *England*, had beſieged his Couſin *BRIANT* in *Exeter*, with thoſe poor Remainder of *Britons* which he had left behind, he not only removed the Siege, but took the King Priſoner; who, after having given him ſufficient Hoſtages for his Truth and Fidelity, gave him alſo his only Daughter to Wife, and made him General of his Army.

After which, *CADWALLO* recalling all his exiled Subjects, raiſed a very conſiderable Army, and invaded *Northumberland* with Fire and Sword; of which *EDWIN* was then

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then King, who assembling to his Aid all the *Reguli* (or petty Kings) gave him a strong Encounter, in which his whole Army was discomfited, and Himself slain in the Field of Battle.

The End of the First Part.

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THE LIFE OF MERLIN.

The Second Part.

EDWINUS being ſlain in Battle, to him ſucceeded his Son *AFFRICUS*, aſſiſted by *CHALDODUS*, Duke of the *Orcades*. Now *CADWALLO*, not contented with his former Victories, gathered his whole Forces together againſt *AFFRICUS*, whom he alſo ſlew in Battle, with his two Nephews, and *CADAMUS* the *Scots* King, who came to take part with the *Northumbers*: which done, he paſſed through all the Kingdom,

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and was ſo highly enraged againſt the *Saxons*, that he ſpared neither Age nor Sex, reſolving totally to extirpate the *Saxon* Race.

Thus you ſee the *Red Dragon*, namely the *Britiſh Nation*, after much Dejection, *exalted*; and,

II. The *Scales* of the *White Serpent*, i. e. the *Saxons* ſtained in *ſanguine Tincture* by a general Maſſacre.

III. *Seven ſcepter-bearing Kings ſhall be ſlain in the Field, of which one of them ſhall be ſainted.* Seven Kings were ſlain by *CADWALLO* and his Father-in-Law *PÆANDA*, viz.

Edwinus (his Son) *Offricus* and *Oſwaldus*, who were *three* Kings of *Northumberland*. *Segebertus*, *Egricus* and *Anna*, who reigned over the Oriental *Britons*, and *Cadamus* the *Scots* King. Among theſe *Oſwaldus* was the Spaint ſpoken of, whoſe Sanctity, and other pious Virtues, are in our Chronicles largely deſcribed. At length he was ſlain in the Field, but, for his numerous Alms-Deeds, was after his Death canonized a Saint in the Year of our Saviour, 644.

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IV. *By the brazen Man mounted on a Steed of Braſs*, who is ſaid to do all theſe Feats, is *antonomaſticè* meant King *CADWALLO*, to honour whom after his Death for his many brave Victories, and expelling the *Saxons* out of the Land, his Statue, caſt in Braſs, was ſet up on Horſeback.

They likewiſe, in his Buckler intombed his embalmed Body, and after ſet it upon the prime Gate of the City of *London*; and near unto the ſame, in farther Memory of him, built a Church dedicated to Saint MARTIN *; therefore, ſaith MERLIN, *The Brazen* HORSE, *and* MAN, *ſhall watch the Gate, whether the People wake or ſleep.*

Thus in every reſpect hath this Prophecy been fulfilled, and the Prophet held in high Veneration, and in a juſtly deſerved Eſteem.

* Saint *Martin's* Ludgate.

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MERLIN in all his Prophecies aimeth at a continued Hiſtory of the main Paſſages in this Iſle of *Britain*, and doth here in his *Fifth* Prophecy foretell, The Civil Wars that ſhould happen in the Time of *Cadwallo*. The great Dearth and Deſolation in the Reign of *Cadwalloder*. The *Saxons* exalting themſelves; and, The firſt coming of the *Danes* into this Land.

The Crimſon Dragon with his own fierce Paws,
Shall tear his proper Bowels 'gainſt the Laws:
Of Wholſom Nature, Plague and Famine then
Shall fill the barren Earth with Shrowds of Men.
After, the Dragon whoſe ſmooth Scales are white,
Hither the Almans Daughter ſhall invite,
And crown themſelves: Againſt whom ſhall riſe
An Eagle from the Rock, and both ſurpriſe,
Two Lyons ſhall a dreadful Combatt make,
Having their Liſts incompaſt by a Lake.
At length be atton'd: and after ſhall divide
The glorious Prey; a ſpeckled Snake whoſe Pride
Shall ayme at high Things: will his Lord betray,
Poys'ning the Royal Neſt in which he lay

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Of the white Dragon, ſo the Fates agree,
At length a Decimation there ſhall bee:
What Time the Red ſhall to his Joy behold
The Roofes of all his Temples deckt with Gold.

EXPLANATION.

I. By the *Crimſon DRAGON*, is, ſtill, meant *England*; which, after the Death of *Cadwallo*, being tired with Peace, for want of Foreign Enemies, fell into Civil Diſſentions among themſelves: Upon which enſued Plague, Famine, and Peſtilence among them. This happened in the *third* and laſt Year of *Cadwalloder*, 686. He was the laſt King of the *Britons*, after whom the *Saxons*, or *Angles*, had the full Dominion thereof, which maketh good the *Second* Article that,

II. *The White* DRAGON *ſhall invite the* Alman's *Daughter*, (which implieth a greater Supply of the *German* Nation) *and crowne themſelves.* For, from that Time, they bare the Scepter, and had the abſolute Juriſdiction over the whole Land.

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III. Let us pafs over all the *Saxon* Kings to the Time of *Ethelred*, in whofe Days *Swanus* King of *Denmark* did rife. This was *the* Eagle *from the Rock*, which, was foretold, *fhould furprize both the Saxons* and the *Germans*.

The better to explain this Article, be pleafed to know that *Ethelred* was Son of King *Edward*, by his *fecond* Wife *Alfrida*, by fome called *Eftrild*, who when he came to be crowned by *Dunftane* Archbifhop of *Canterbury*, he could not contain himfelf, but with a Prophetical Spirit uttered thefe Words: *viz. Becaufe by the Blood-flaughter of thy Brother, thou haft afpired to the Kingdom; the Sin of thy moft wicked and mifchievious Mother fhall never be expiated, nor any who were of her Diabolical Counfel, but by the greateft Effufion of the Saxon Blood, that ever was fhed fince their firft coming into* Britain; *nay farther, the* beginning *of thy Reign fhall be* cruel; *the* middle *thereof* miferable; *and the* End *fhameful.* Which accordingly happened.

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The *Danes*, at length, invaded this Kingdom, and amongſt many other Exactions which they enforced the *Britons* to bear, the Tribute paid unto them was raiſed from *Ten Thouſand Pounds*, to *Forty Thouſand*, and this was called *Dane-Gelt*. They, yet, not ſatisfied; to add to the former, the *Britiſh* Peers were ſo hollow-breaſted, or falſe to each other; that, when they were at any time aſſembled, and had formed any Reſolution detrimental to the *Danes*, ſome amongſt them betrayed their Reſolves, of whom were moſt ſuſpected *Elphricus* and *Edricus*, which laſt, is meant by the *Snake* in this Prophecy.

The Land, beſides other Diſtreſſes, continued under this *Tribute*; but the King by the Advice of his beſt Friends, married *Emma*, the Daughter of *Richard* the *Third* Duke of *Normandy*, by which Match he was greatly animated and aſſiſted; thus aided by his Father-in-Law, he ſent into all the Towns, Cities and Villages, ſecret and ſevere Commiſſions, charging the Magiſtrates upon the Night ſucceeding the Day of Saint BRICE,

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BRICE, that all the *Danes* ſhould be murdered in their Beds, the Execution whereof they committed to their Concubines, and this Act was, to the Honour of the Women, ſtrictly performed.

This General Maſſacre of the *Danes* began at a little Town in * *Hertfordſhire*, twenty-four Miles from *London*, *Wealdin*, taking its Name therefrom; as if the *Weal* or *Welfare* of their Country firſt took its Riſe in that Place.

The Anniverſary of Saint BRICE happening that Year upon a *Monday*, is to this Day called *Hoc* or *Hop-Monday*, intimating *this Act*; from the *Latin* Word *Hoc*, or from an old Proverb, that, on this Day, the *Danes* HOPT *without their* HEADS.

IV. After the *Daniſh* Maſſacre, *Swanus* King of *Denmark*, the *Eagle* above-mentioned, *with his broad Wings ſoared over the whole Kingdom, made Prey in every Province thereof, and in the End took from the* White DRAGON (i. e. the *Saxons*) *both* Crown *and* Scepter, *after they had held the Soveraignty throughout many Succeſſions.* The

* Commonly called *Welling*.

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The King fearing the continual Perſecution of the *Danes*, firſt ſent *Emma* his Queen, with his two Sons *Alfred* and *Edward*, to *Richard* the *Fourth* Duke of *Normandy*, who was her Natural Brother, of which when *Swanus* had Notice, he grew inflamed with greater Pride and Inſolence; and among other of his Tyrannies, fired the City of *Canterbury*, and ſlew nine hundred Religious Perſons (tything them, *viz.* killing *Nine* and ſaving the *Tenth*) with eight thouſand Women and Children, and becauſe the Reverend Biſhop *Elphigus* would not, or could not pay him down three thouſand Pounds, he kept him Priſoner ſeven Months, and afterwards cauſed him to be ſtoned to Death at *Greenwich*. This Tyrant *Swanus*, likewiſe, whereſoever he came, cauſed all the Women to be defloured, as well the Religious as Others. He alſo robbed the Shrine of Saint *Edmund*, not leaving any Cruelty, which could be named, unperformed. At length, upon the Day of the *Purification* of the *Bleſſed Virgin*, in the Year 1014, after three Days moſt hideous

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Howling and Crying, he died in the moſt miſerable manner. He was ſucceeded by his Son *Canutus*. Two Years after, King *Adelfred* died at *London*, and was buried in the Church of Saint *Paul*; to whom ſucceeded his Son *Edmund*, Sirnamed *Ironſide*, and theſe *two Princes* were the *two Lyons* mentioned in this Prophecy. Many bloody Battles were fought betwixt *Canutus* and *Edmund*; but their Differences were decided by a ſingle Duel, which was fought in an Iſle called *Olkney* near *Glouceſter* encompaſſed by the River *Severn*, being the *Lake* alluded to, which was to *ſurround the Liſts of the* Lyon's *Combat*.

In this Conflict both the Princes were dangerouſly wounded, when retiring for Breath, by the firſt Motion of *Canutus*, they embraced each other as Brothers, to the great rejoycing of both their Armies.

After which, they made an equal Partition of the Kingdom, and *Canutus* married *Emma* the Mother of *Edmund*; but the SNAKE *Edricus*, who had not only been pardoned for his former Treaſons,

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Treaſons, but likewiſe was made Earl of *Kent*; notwithſtanding this he corrupted his Son then attending him, and as he was eaſing Nature, ſtuck him with a Spear into the Fundament, of which Wound he ſoon after died at *Oxford*. But for this, *Edricus* met a Traytor's juſt Reward, *Canutus* ordering his Head to be cut off, and ſet upon the higheſt Gate in *London*, and his Body was thrown into the *Thames*. Thus was the *Snake's aiming at high things*, and *poiſoning the Royal Neſt wherein he lay*, fulfilled, *Edricus* having been one of King *Edward's* greateſt Favourites.

Canutus being now ſole Monarch of *England*, the *White* DRAGON was forced to ſtoop to the *Eagle*, i. e. the *Saxons* were compelled to be ſubject to the *Danes*, by whom they were ſo miſerably oppreſſed, that ſcarce a *Tenth* Part of them were left in the Land, and thoſe who remained were forced to tythe their Goods, and pay it as a Tribute to the *Danes*, this accompliſhed the *Decimation which was to be.*

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Canutus at length became King of *Denmark* on the Death of *Swanus*; he was greatly belov'd by his Subjects, being a Prince of rare Virtues, very charitable and devout; he alſo repaired many Churches and Cathedrals, cauſing them to be richly beautified, *gilding their Altars and Roofs with Gold*, herein propheſied, as what *the* Red Dragon *was to behold with Joy.*

King *Canutus* died at *Shaftesbury*, and was buried at *Wincheſter*, after reigning *Nineteen* Years; leaving two Sons, *Harold* (ſirnamed for his Swiftneſs in running *Harefoot)* and *Hardy-Canutus*, whom in his Life-time he cauſed to be crowned King of *Denmark*, and *Harold* ſucceeded his Father in the Crown of *England*.

MERLIN's Sixth *Prophecy of* Hardy-Canutus *and Earl* Godwyn.

IN the Beginning of the Reign of King *HAROLD*, the Legitimacy of his Birth was diſputed; more eſpecially by Earl *Godwyn*, a Man of a very turbulent Spirit, and who endeavoured

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deavoured to the utmoſt of his Power to dethrone him, and to have placed the Crown on his Brother's Head. But *Leofricus* whom the King much loved, by the Aſſiſtance of the *Danes*, oppoſed *Godwyn*, and his Son, ſo that they were in all their Projects totally defeated.

HAROLD was no ſooner ſettled in the Throne, than he plundered that pious and good Lady *EMMA*, his Mother-in-Law, of all her Jewels, and baniſhed her the Kingdom. She retired to *BALDWIN* Earl of *Flanders*, who gave her a noble Reception, and with whom ſhe continued all *HAROLD*'s Reign, which was but ſhort and worthleſs; for in Three Years and a few Months, he died at *London*, ſome ſay at *Oxford*, Iſſueleſs; leaving his Brother *Hardy-Canutus* to be his Succeſſor.

HARDY-CANUTUS the *Dane*, Son of *Canutus* and *Emma*, began his Reign 1041. He was of ſo cruel a Diſpoſition, that he was no ſooner ſettled in the State, but he ſent *Alphricus*, Archbiſhop of *York*, and Earl *Godwyn* to *Weſtminſter*,

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minſter, to take up the Body of his Brother; and, having ſevered the Head therefrom, threw it into the River *Thames*. This he gave out was for rifling and exiling his Mother *Emma*, whom he ſent for back into *England*. He alſo revived the almoſt forgotten exorbitant Tax called *Dane-Gelt*, which he ſpent in riotous Living, and the moſt extravagant Exceſſes; of whom MERLIN thus Prophecied, *viz.*

The foregoing PROPHECY continued.

And Helluo then, with open Jaws ſhall yawn,
Devouring even till Midnight from the Dawn;
And He an Hydra with Seven-Heads ſhall Grace,
Glad to behold the Ruin of his Race.
And then upon the Neuſtrian Blood ſhall Prey,
Tything-them, by the Pole (now well away)
Burſt ſhall He, after gorg'd with Human Bloud,
And leave his Name in Part of the Salt Floud.
Iron-Men, in Wooden-Tents, ſhall here arrive,
And hence the Saxons with her Eglets drive, &c.

HAROLD

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HAROLD minding nothing but Riot and Excefs, committed the whole Rule of the Land to *Emma* and Earl *Godwyn* (who had married the Daughter of *Canutus*, by his *firft* Wife *Elgina*) by whofe Mifconduct the State was greatly diſordered.

Earl *Godwyn* had, by his *firft* Wife, but one Son, who was by the Kick of an Horfe thrown into the *Thames* and Drowned. His Mother was fhortly after ftruck Dead by Lightning. She was of fuch an incontinent Life, that fhe proftituted Virgins and young Women, to make bafe and Mercenary Ufes of their Bodies. He married a *fecond* Wife, by whom he had fix Sons, viz. *Swanus*, *Harold*, *Toftius*, *Wilnothus*, *Syrthe* and *Leofricus*. *Alfo* a Daughter named *Goditha*, who married King *EDWARD* the Confeffor.

Hardy-Canutus wholly devoted to all Voluptuouſneſs, being at a Feaft in *Lambeth*, in the midſt of his Mirth and Jollity, drinking a Carouſe, out of a Bowl Elbow-Deep, fell ſuddenly down, and ſpeechleſs for the Space of eight Days, at the

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the End whereof he expired, on the 8th Day of *June*, after the ſhort Reign of but two Years' leaving no Iſſue.

He was buried near his Father, at *Wincheſter*, and by his Death, the Bloud of the *Danes* became totally extinct in this Land.

A Stop being at length put to the cruel Perſecutions of the *Danes*, which from their firſt Arrival, had continued near the Space of 260 Years.

By *Helluo*, in this *Sixth* Prophecy, was meant *Hardy-Canutus*, ſo characterized from the notorious Gluttony to which that Prince was addicted. In the firſt Year of his Reign, the two Sons of *Egelredus* and *Emma*, named *Alured* and *Edward*, returned from *Normandy* into *England*, to pay their Mother a Viſit, and were attended in a very princely Manner.

Upon their Arrival, Earl *Godwyn*, the ſubtle *Seven-headed HYDRA* herein pointed at, began to plot a Match between one of theſe Princes and his only Daughter *Goditha*; but finding *Alured* the Eldeſt to be of an high and haughty Spirit, and

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and would think himſelf diſhonoured by ſo mean an Alliance; the Earl therefore imagined by ſupplanting him, he might ſtrike up a Marriage between the Lady and his younger Brother, who was of a much more flexible Diſpoſition. To compaſs which, he pretended to the King and Council, that it might prove dangerous to the State, to ſuffer ſo many *Normans* to enter the Land without Licenſe.

Upon which being inveſted with Authority from the King, with whom he was greatly in Favour, and ſtrongly accompanied by an armed Force; meeting theſe two Princes with their Attendants, he attacked them as utter Enemies, killing the greateſt Part of them in the firſt Encounter; and having ſurprized the reſt at a Place called *Gail-Downe*, he Tythed them, ſaving only *One in Ten*, deſtroying all the reſt; then Tything the Survivors again, he put them to the moſt cruel Deaths; as winding their Guts out of their Bellies, with other exquiſite Tortures. He then cauſed the Eyes of the eldeſt Prince to be pulled out, and ſent him to a religious Houſe in *Ely*,

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where he ſhortly after died. The younger Prince he preſerved as an Husband for his Daughter, and ſent him to his Mother Queen *Emma*.

This fulfilled that Part of the Prophecy, wherein it is ſaid, that *HELLVO* (i. e. *Hardy-Canutus*) *ſhould grace HYDRA* (i. e. Earl *Godwyn*) and *gladly behold the Ruin of his Race*; nay farther, that *Hydra ſhould prey upon the* Neuſtrian *Blood, and Tythe them by the Pole*, &c.

Queen *Emma* being very unwilling to truſt the Life of the only Son ſhe had now left, to the mercileſs and cruel Tyranny of Earl *Godwyn*, ſent him back into *Normandy*.

But Fate had ſo ordered his Fortune, that in a ſhort Space his Father *Hardy-Canutus* dying, He was ſent for over again to take Poſſeſſion of his juſt and lawful Inheritance, wherein he was inthron'd *Anno* 1043, and ſoon after married to *Goditha*; by ſome called *Editha*, only Daughter of Earl *Godwyn*.

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All Writers affirm, that he lived with this Lady without having Carnal Society; 1. *Whether it were in hatred of her Kindred, being by her Father's Power compelled to this Match*; or, 2. *Whether it was that he had, by some private Vow, wholly devoted Himself to Chastity*; *are Conjectures left undetermined.*

In the Beginning of King *Edward*s Reign, his Mother Queen *Emma* was accused of having too much Familiarity with *Alwin* Bishop of *Winchester*; wherefore the King, through the Advice of his Father-in-Law, Earl *Godwyn*, seized upon her Jewels, and put her under close Confinement in the Abbey of *Worwell*; and the Bishop was committed to the Custody of the Clergy. But *Emma* more sorrowing for *Alwin*'s Defamation than her own, wrote unto divers of the Bishops to do them Justice; affirming that, she was ready to undergo any Tryal whatsoever, to give the World Satisfaction of her Innocence. The Bishops most earnestly petitioned the King that their Cause might have a speedy, just, and

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legal Hearing; but *Robert* Archbiſhop of *Canterbury* interpoſed and ſaid, that if *Emma* would agree to go Barefoot upon nine red-hot Plow-ſhares, walking over *four* of them to clear herſelf, and over the remaining *five* to clear the *Biſhop*, they ſhould both of them be deemed wholly Innocent of the Adultery whereof they ſtood accuſed.

To this *Emma* readily conſented, and the Day of her *Purgation* being aſſigned, the King in Perſon, and many of his Nobles were preſent thereat. *Emma* was Hoodwinked, and led to the Place where the nine Plow-ſhares lay glowing Hot; and having paſſed over them all unhurt, ſhe ſaid, *Good God, when ſhall I come to the Place of my Purgation?* When they unbound her Eyes, and ſhe ſaw that ſhe had endured the Penance, tho' without any Senſe of Pain, ſhe kneeled down, and gave Thanks to the Protector of Chaſtity and Innocence. Upon ſeeing this, the King greatly repented him of his Credulity, reſtoring the Riches he had taken from her, and asking of her Forgiveneſs and Bleſſing.

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The Archbiſhop *Robert* who was once a Monk in *Normandy*, fled back into his own Country, and was no more ſeen in *England* after.

After many Inſolencies againſt the King committed by Earl *Godwyn* and his Sons, they were obliged to fly their Country, and were by Parliament proclaimed Outlaws and Rebels.

Two Years afterwards *WILLIAM*, the Baſtard Duke of *Normandy*, came to pay a Viſit to King *Edward* the Confeſſor, moſt nobly attended; and thro' great Interceſſion made by his Friends, Earl *Godwyn* and his two Sons were reſtored.

Not long after, upon an *Eaſter-Monday*, Earl *Godwyn* dining with the King at *Windſor*, it happened that the Cup-bearer ſtumbled, but recovered himſelf from a Fall; at which the Earl laughed heartily, and ſaid, one Brother helped the other; meaning that one Leg had ſupported the other from falling. *So*, ſaid the King, *might my Brother* Alfred *have helped and ſupported me, had it not been for Earl* Godwyn; who taking the King's

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King's ſevere and juſt Reprimand, relating to his Brother's Death: thinking to excuſe himſelf, ſaid; *So may I ſafely ſwallow this Morſel of Bread in my Hand, as I am innocent of that Deed.* But here was he overtaken by the Divine Vengeance; for, in ſwallowing thereof, he was inſtantly choked. Upon which his Majeſty commanded him to be dragged from the Table. His vile Body was interred at *Wincheſter*. And in proceſs of Time, all his Lands in *Kent* were ſwallowed up by the Sea; upon whoſe dangerous Shelves and Quickſands, many Thouſands have been loſt. They are called Earl *Godwyn*'s (or, the *Goodwin*) *Sands*, even until this Day. And herein is verified that Part of the Prophecy, which ſaith, *That the HYDRA would burſt, after being gorged with human Blood; and leave his Name inrolled in the ſalt Waves.*

King *EDWARD* the *Confeſſor*, after having reigned almoſt twenty-four Years, died. He was buried at *Weſtminſter-Abbey*, which he had much beautified and repaired.

HAROLD,

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HAROLD, *Second Son* of Earl *Godwyn*, ſucceeded to the Throne, 1046. At the Beginning of his Reign he was invaded by the *Danes*, but got the better of them, and was puffed up with this great Victory.

WILLIAM Duke of *Normandy*, at length arrived; and among ſundry Reaſons alledged in Behalf of his *Invaſion*, one was, that he came to revenge the Baniſhment of Archbiſhop *Robert*, relating to the Accuſation of Queen *Emma*; with which he charged *Harold* as the ſole Animator of his Exile.

Herein was fulfilled the *laſt* Particular of this Prophecy, *of the Arrival of Iron-Men* in *Wooden-Tents*, who ſhould drive the *Saxons* with the *Eaglets* out of this Land. The *Normans* wearing *Iron-Casks* and *Corſlets*, and came over in their *Wooden-Tents*, i. e. navigable Veſſels.

In *HAROLD*, the Blood of the *White Dragon*, or *Saxons*, became extinct. The *Eaglets* alſo (the Brood of *Swanus)* who in that Princely Bird, the *Eagle*, were ſo emblematized.

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Upon Duke *William*'s Invasion, *Harold* was in the *North*, and, leaving those Parts, he sent Spies into his Host to discover his Strength, refusing all Offers made by Duke *William*. Their Armies at last engaged in *Sussex*, the Conflict was exceeding violent, insomuch that Duke *William* had Three Horses shot under him; but in the End, *Harold* being slain into the Eye with an Arrow, fell down dead in the Field. He was buried at *Waltham*, and in him ended the Race of the *Saxons*. In Commemoration of this Victory was built a Monastery called *Battle-Abbey*, which beareth the Name until this Day.

After this, All submitted to Duke *William*, paid him Homage, sirnamed him the *Conquerour*, and crowned him King of *England* on *Christmas-Day*, 1069.

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MERLIN'S *Seventh* PROPHECY *concerning him.*

He, that Iron Nation, who leads forth for Prey,
Shall finde full Spoile, and where he feeds will ſtay;
Suppreſſing the Red-Dragon for a Space.
Then ſhall ariſe two Dragons from his Race:
One, aims at, but attains not his Deſire.
By Envy's Dart the other ſhall expire.
The Lyon next, of Juſtice muſt appear,
Who 'gainſt the Celticke Towers will Ladders reare.
And cauſe the Lilly, like the Aſpen, ſhake,
Whoſe roar ſhall all the iſland Serpents quake.
A cunning Alchymiſt, who hath the Skill
Gold both from Flowers and Nettles to diſtill.

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I. This Prophecy almoſt explaineth itſelf; the *Iron-Man*, herein figured, was undoubtedly *William* the *Conqueror*; whoſe ſtrong *Normans* coming hither in *Queſt of Prey*, upon finding a rich and fertile Iſland, were reſolved to *ſtay therein.*

II. The *Suppreſſion of the* Red Dragon *for a ſpace*, refers to the *Hardineſs* and *unparalleled Courage* of the *Britons*, who, altho' falling under many Oppreſſions for a Time, yet were not, nor ever could be, by all Invaders extinguiſhed, or totally eradicated.

We muſt paſs over the Reign of *WILLIAM* the *Conqueror*, becauſe he is no farther pointed at by *Merlin*; and proceed to the *two DRAGONS which are ſaid to ariſe from his Race:* by *theſe* were intimated his two eldeſt Sons, *ROBERT* (Sirnamed *Cort-hoſe*, or *Short-hoſe*) and *WILLIAM RUFUS* (or *Ruffus*) ſo called becauſe of his rough Hair and Beard.

ROBERT,

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ROBERT, upon his being refuſed Poſſeſſion of the Dutchy of *Normandy*, formerly promiſed him by his Father, invaded the ſame, and was very troubleſome, inſomuch that a bloody Battle between the Father and the Son enſued, wherein the latter obtained the Victory. By this Means he laid himſelf under the heavy Weight of a Parental-Curſe, which proved fatal to him in the End. His Father died ſoon after, having reigned near twenty-two Years, and was buried at *Caen* in *Normandy*.

WILLIAM Rufus, or the *Red*, was crowned King, 1089. And, after a turbulent Reign of twelve Years, came by an untimely Death, being ſhot as he was Hunting in the *New-Foreſt*, *Hampſhire*, in the 44th Year of his Age. He was buried at *Wincheſter*.

Thus, *ROBERT*'s *aiming at the Crown, but not attaining it*; and *WILLIAM*'s *expiring by a Dart*, fully accompliſheth that Part of the *Prophecy*.

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He was ſucceeded by his younger Brother *HENRY*, 1101. His eldeſt Brother *Robert* being engaged in the *Holy-War*. This was the Prince whom MERLIN calls in this Prophecy, *Leo Juſtitiæ*, the *Lyon* of *Juſtice*.

Victory at length being obtained over the Oppoſers of the Chriſtian Faith, Prince *ROBERT* arrived in *England*, and landed at *Portſmouth*. He claimed his Right to the Crown, but compounded with his Brother for three thouſand Marks yearly Penſion, and retired.

But *Henry*, inſtigated by evil Counſellors, invaded his Brother's *Norman*-Territories, routed his Forces, took him Priſoner, and ſhut him up in *Cardiff-Caſtle* in *Wales*, during Life. He was buried at *Glouceſter*.

After *ROBERT*'s Deceaſe, fierce Wars enſued between the *French* and *Engliſh*, but the latter became Victorious, verifying, that, The *Lyon* of *Juſtice*, *ſhould raiſe Ladders againſt the Celtick Towers*; *and cauſe the* Lilly *to ſhake like the* Aſpen *Leaf*.

HENRY

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HENRY returned safe from *Normandy* into *England*, but his two Sons *William* and *Richard*, with other most illustrious Personages, to the Number of 140, were all drowned.

These two Princes *William* and *Richard*, were meant by the *LYON's Whelps who were to forsake their Nature, and take upon them the Shape of Fishes.* *

Lastly, the King, to maintain his former Conquests, was forced to exact Money from all his Subjects both Laity and Clergy, and therefore was he called, by MERLIN,

A cunning Alchymist, who had the Skill
Gold both from Flowers and Nettles to distill.

By the *Flowers* meaning the *Clergy*, and by the *Nettles* the *Laity*.

King

* *Catuli* Leonis *in æquore*, Pisces *transformabuntur.*

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King *HENRY*, after a Reign of above thirty-five Years, died. He was buried in the Abbey of *Reading*, in *Berkſhire*, founded by him, 1135.

STEPHEN, Earl of *Bolloigne* (Son of the Earl of *Bloys*, and *Maud* Siſter to the Wife of King *Henry*) ſucceeded to the Crown of *England*, in the Year 1136. He was valiant and hardy; but, as ſome affirm, having broken an Oath he made to *Henry* concerning *Maud* the Empreſs, he Uſurped the Throne. He was Inaugurated by the Archbiſhop of *Canterbury* at *Weſtminſter*, on the Anniverſary of St. *Stephen*; and the Archbiſhop who had taken the ſaid Oath, died ſhortly after, with divers other Lords, who were guilty of the ſame Perjury. This was alledged to have been propagated by *Hugh Bigot*, Steward to the deceaſed King. He brought ſeveral Lords to ſwear, that a little before the King's Death, being preſent, his Majeſty was heard to diſinherit his Daughter *Maud* for ſome Diſtaſte which he had taken againſt her, and

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and had adopted as his lawful Heir *Stephen* his Nephew: To which the Archbishop, and the other Lords, gave too hasty Credit. Neither did this *Hugh*, for his wilful Perjury, escape unpunished; but soon after under the most agonizing Terrors of Conscience expired. But before we proceed farther in this Tragical Narration, we shall faithfully recite MERLIN's *Eighth* Prophecy of those Times, *viz.*

Drop must a Sagittary from the Skies,
But against him an Eaglet will arise;
(That in the Morian-Mountains built her Nest)
And against that Celestial Signe contest.
Shee fayling will a Lyon's Whelpe appeare,
Whose roar shall make the Centaure quake with Fear.
But when the two shaped Monster shall be tamed,
By gentle Means the Whelpe will be reclaimed:
And when i'th' Land the Iron-Blood shall fail,
The Blood of the White-Dragon must prevail.

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By the *Sagittary*, which is one of the Celeſtial Signs, and the ſame that *Merlin* calls the *two-ſhaped Monſter*, alludes to the Arms which King *Stephen* gave; as the *Normans* gave the *Lyon*, he emblazoned the *Sagittary* in his Scutcheon: and is therefore figured under that Denomination in this Prophecy. By the *Eaglet* is meant *Maud* the Empreſs; and, by the *Morian-Mountains*, a Place in *Italy* ſo called figuratively, including the whole Country, by a Part thereof.

We ſhall hereafter enquire how this, with the reſt, is made good by the Event thereof.

The End of the Second Part.

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THE
Rarities of *Richmond:*
OR,
Merlin's LIFE and PROPHECIES.
PART III.
CONTAINING

I. An EXPLANATION of his *Eighth* PROPHECY, in the *former Part.*

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TO

Mr. *ERNEST*,

IN THE

Character of *Merlin*.

SIR,

WITH all due Deference to the Memory of that Prophetical Perſonage you repreſent! having put the Prophecies of your Predeceſſor under Mr. DUCK's *Protection, I make bold to ask your Patronage for the Prophecies of his Succeſſor* NIXON. *The Copy I here lay before you was communicated to me by the truly Honourable Lady* COWPER, *Mother of the Lord Chancellor, near Twenty Years ago, and is as followeth,* viz.

One Day Nixon *came in from Plough, and laying down the Things he had in his Hands, he remained*

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mained a little while in the Dumps, and then with a hoarse Voice said, Now I will Prophecy. *And he then spoke as follows:*

When a Raven *shall build in a Stone-*Lyon's *Mouth, on the Top of a Church in* Cheshire, *then a* King *of* England *shall be driven out of his Kingdom, and never return more.*

When an Eagle *shall sit on the Top of the House, then an Heir shall be born to the* Cholmondeley's *Family; and this Heir shall live to see* England *invaded by Foreigners, who shall proceed as far as Town in* Cheshire; *but a Miller, named* Peter, *shall be born with two Heels on one Foot, and be at that Time living in a Mill of Mr.* Cholmondeley's; *He shall be instrumental in delivering the Nation.*

*The Person * who then governs the Nation will be in Trouble, and skulk about: The invading King shall be killed, laid across a Horse's Back like a Calf, and led in Triumph. The Miller having been instrumental in it, shall bring forth the Person that then governs the Kingdom, and be Knighted for what he has done; and after that,* England *shall see happy Days.*

A young, New-Set of Men of virtuous Manners shall come, who shall prosper, and make a flourishing Church for two hundred Years.

As a Token of the Truth of all this, a Wall of Mr. Cholmondeley's *shall fall: If it fall* downwards, *the Church shall be oppressed, and rise no more; but if* upwards, *next the rising Hill on the Side of it, then it shall flourish again.*

Under

* King CHARLES II.

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Under this Wall ſhall be found the Bones of a Britiſh *King.*

A Pond ſhall run with Blood three Days, and the Croſs-Stone-Pillar in the Foreſt ſink ſo low into the Ground, that a Crow *from the Top of it ſhall drink of the beſt Blood in* England.

A Boy ſhall be born with THREE Thumbs, *and hold* THREE KINGS *Horſes; while* England *ſhall be* Won, *and* Loſt, THREE Times *in* ONE *Day.*

Peckforton Wind-Mill, *ſhall be removed to* Luddinton-Hill; * *after which, there ſhall be ſo great a Slaughter of Men, that Horſes ſaddled ſhall run about till their Girts rot away.*

Olton Mill *ſhall be driven with Blood inſtead of Water.*

EXPLANATION.

I. *The Seat of that Branch of the Family of* Cholmondeley *which kept* Nixon, *lived at* Vale-Royal, *on the River* Wever, *in* Delamere-Foreſt. *It was originally an Abbey, founded by* Edward I. *and came to the* Cholmondeleys, *from the* Holcrofts. *When* Nixon *prophecied, the Family of* Cholmondeley *was almoſt extinct, the Heir having married the Daughter of Sir* Walter Saint John, *Aunt to Lord* Bolingbroke, *who, tho' very young, proved to be with Child, fell in Labour, and continued ſo for ſome Days, during which*

* Which was done by Sir *John Crew*, the Mill having loſt its Trade.

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which Time an Eagle *ſat upon the Houſe-Top, and flew away upon her being delivered of a* Son.

II. *A* Raven *did build her Neſt in a Stone-*Lyon*'s Mouth, on the Steeple of the Church of* Over *in* Delamere *Foreſt.*

III. *The Wall ſpoken of, fell down, but fell* upwards *on King* James*'s Abdicating the Throne. And in removing the Rubbiſh were found the Bones of a Man of a more than ordinary Size.*

IV. *A Pond did run with* Water *of a* reddiſh Tincture, *and was never known to have done ſo before or ſince.*

V. *Headleſs-Croſs in* Delamere *Foreſt, which was ſeveral Feet high, is now ſunk within half a Foot of the Ground.*

VI. *In the Pariſh of* Budworth *a Boy was born, in the Year* 1700, *with Three Thumbs, and was living there,* 1718, *when* PETER *the Miller alſo lived in* Nagginſhire-*Mills, (in Expectation of ſeeing this Part of the Prophecy fulfilled on the Perſon of the* Chevalier de Saint George) *he had two Heels upon one Foot. Lady* Radcliffe *of* Chelſea *and Lady* Saint John *of* Batterſea, *have often been heard to mention this* Peter *the Miller.*

There are a great many Sayings of Nixon *traditionally handed down in* Cheſhire; *as, That when he lived with a Farmer, before he was taken into Mr.* Cholmondeley*'s Family, he goared an* Ox *ſo cruelly, that he was ſeverely threatned by one of the Ploughmen for thus abuſing the Beaſt. Says* NIXON, The Beaſt will not be my Maſter's three Days. *It ſo happened, that a Life in an Eſtate dropping within that Time, the Lord of the Manner ſeized this very* Ox *as an Herriot. This*

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Fact was related to Lady Cowper, *in the Year* 1670, *by Dr.* Patrick, *then Chaplain to Sir* Walter Saint John, *Rector of St.* Paul, Covent-Garden, *and afterwards Bishop of* Ely.

Lady Saint John *had the following Facts related to her by Mrs.* Chute, *Sister to Mrs.* Cholmondeley *of* Vale-Royal, *That a Multitude of People gathering together, among whom she was one, to see the* Eagle *on the Top of the House; the* Bird *was frightned from her* Young, *and the Cry was,* Nixon's *Prophecy is fulfilled, we shall have a Foreign King.*

Mrs. Chute *also declared, that she read over the Prophecy many Times when her Sister was with Child of the Heir who succeeded to the Estate. She confirmed likewise the Report that* Peter *the* Miller *should kill Two* Invaders, *one of whom was to come from the* North, *the other from the* West. *That he from the* North, *should bring with him Forces of all Nations,* Swedes, Danes, Germans *and* Dutch, *&c. and that in the Folds of his Garment he should bring Fire and Famine; Plague and Murder. That many great Battles should be fought in* England, *one upon* London-Bridge; *and that People should ride in the Streets up to their Horses Bellies in Blood. That several Battles should be fought in* Cheshire. *And that the last which should be fought would be in* Delamere *Forest. That the Heir of* Olton, *whose Name is* Egerton, *who married Earl* Cholmondeley's *Sister, should be —— at his own Gate.*

LASTLY, John Oldmixon, *Esq; did publish this Prophecy of* Nixon *in* 1719, *and saith, That* Nixon *foretold great Glory and Prosperity to those who*

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who ſtood up in Defence of the Laws and Liberties of their Country, and threatned with Ruin and Miſery thoſe who ſhould betray them. Farther, That the Year before this ſhould happen, Bread-Corn would be very dear, and the Year following, Troubles ſhould begin, which would laſt Three Years; That the First *would be moderate, the* Second *bloody, the* Third *intolerable. That unleſs they were ſhortened, no Mortal could bear them. That there were no Miſchiefs but what poor* England *would feel at that Time. But, that* GEORGE, *the Son of* GEORGE, *ſhould put an End to All. That then the* Church *ſhould flouriſh, and* England *be the moſt flouriſhing Nation upon Earth.*

We hope this Æra is now come!

I am,

SIR,

Your, *&c.*

E. C.

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THE LIFE OF MERLIN.

The Third Part.

KING *STEPHEN* began his Reign with great Rigours againſt the Clergy, by fining ſome Biſhops, and impriſoning others.

In the *Sixth* Year of his Reign, *MAUD* the Empreſs landed at *Briſtol*, and was aſſiſted in Defence of her Claim to the Crown, by the Earls of *Glouceſter* and *Cheſter*. Her Forces, and thoſe of her Confederates, had an Engage-

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ment with the King's Army, in which they got the better, and his Majesty was taken Prisoner; who being brought before the Empress, she commanded him to be conveyed under safe Custody to the Castle of *Bristol*, where he remained from *Candlemas* to *Holy-Rood-Day*.

Upon obtaining this Victory she came to *London*, where the *QUEEN* earnestly petitioned her for the King's Enlargement, as did likewise the Citizens of *London*, but she would not give way to any Entreaties.

MAUD went to *Gloucester*, whither she was pursued by the *QUEEN* and an armed Force she had raised, who fell upon the Empress, routed her Host, and took her Brother Earl *Robert* Prisoner. Upon this it was agreed that King *Stephen* should be released, and the Earl of *Gloucester* surrendered. By these Contests the Kingdom became sorely distressed.

In the *Seventeenth* Year of his Reign died *Randolph* Earl of *Chester*, and *Geoffry Plantagenet* Husband

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Husband to the Empress *Maud*, leaving a Son named *HENRY*; with whom *EUSTACE*, King *STEPHEN*'s Son, waged War. Duke *Henry* of *Normandy* arrived in *England* with a considerable Army, first won the Castle of *Malmsbury*, and next possessed himself of the Tower of *London*. King *Stephen* and his Forces met the Duke's, but a Truce being made between them, the King went to *Ipswich*, and the Duke to *Shrewsbury*; in which Interim the King's Son *Eustace* was drowned, and buried at *Feversham*-Abbey, in *Kent*, founded by his Father. After which Endeavours were used to reconcile the King and the Duke, and a Peace was concluded betwixt them on the following Terms, *viz.*

I. *That the KING having now no Heir, should continue in the Throne during Life.*

II. *That Duke* HENRY *should be proclaimed Heir Apparent; and that the KING should make him his adopted Heir.*

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This fulfills that Part of the Prophecy, wherein it is ſaid that, *Upon the* Eaglet's *failing, a* Lyon's Whelp *ſhould make the CENTAUR quake with Fear*; and, *upon the taming of the* two ſhaped Monſter (i. e. the *Centaur*) *the Lyon's Whelp ſhould be quieted. The Centaur* alluded to King *Stephen*; and the *Lyon's Whelp* to *Henry* Duke of *Normandy*. At the Cloſe of this Year died King *Stephen*, reigning upwards of Eighteen Years in the greateſt Turbulency, the uſual concomitant of Uſurpation. He was buried near his Son *Euſtace* at *Feverſham*.

By Duke *Henry* of *Normandy*, the Blood of the *Saxons* again returned to the Crown; ſo that the *Norman* Race continued but *Seventy* Years, from *William* the Conqueror, to the Death of *Henry* I. verifying by the Event more of this Prophecy, *that when the* Iron Brood *(the Norman) ſhould fail; the Blood of the* Red Dragon *ſhould ſucceed*, as it did in the Acceſſion to the Throne of

HENRY II. in the Year 1155; of whom, ſome time before, it was thus Prophecied, *viz.*

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MERLIN's Ninth PROPHECY.

The Eaglet of the Flaw'd League ſhall behold,
The Feathers of her Prime-Bird ſhine in Gold;
And in her Third Neſt ſhall rejoice: but Hee
Who from the Height of the great Rocke may ſee
The Countries round (both near and far away)
Shall ſearch amongſt them, where Hee beſt can Prey.
Some of whoſe num'rous Eyries ſhall retaine
The Nature of the Deſart Pelican.
The All-commanding Keys ſhall ſtrive to wreſt,
And Force the Lock that opens to his Neſt.
But break their own Wards: Of all Flowers that grow:
The Roſe ſhall moſt delight his Smell, and ſo,
That leſt it any Stranger's Eyes ſhould daze.
He'll plant it cloſe in a Dedalian Maze.
Fortune, at firſt, will on his Glories ſmile,
But fail him in the End——alack the while.

The Beginning of this Prophecy ſeemeth to reflect on the Empreſs *Maud*, his Mother. By rejoicing

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rejoicing in her Third Neſt, points at the *Three* Sons ſhe had, *viz. Henry*, *Geoffry* and *William*; the firſt of which being the only Survivor, ſhe might *rejoice* in *him* whoſe *Father* became King. Or, on the other Hand, ſhe might in her Death *rejoice* at her *Third* Eſpouſal, of her *Saviour*, having in this World *firſt* eſpouſed the Emperor *Henry*, and *ſecondly Geoffry Plantagenet.*

And as to the *Eaglet* of the *Flawed* or *Bourbon*-League; that, indeed, may refer to the *Queen*, who being *firſt* married to the King of *France*; *ſecondly* to *Henry* Duke of *Normandy*; ſhe may be ſaid *firſt* to have built her Neſt in *France*, ſecondly in *Normandy*, and thirdly in *England.*

The Reign of this Prince was proſperous at the Beginning, but unfortunate in its Concluſion. By Wars he greatly extended his Dominions; for beſides the Realm of *England*, he had once in his Poſſeſſion, *Normandy*, *Gaſcoine* and *Guienne*; *Anjou* and *Chinon*, with *Alverne*, *&c.* and by his Wife *Eleanor*, the *Pyrenæan-Mountains*, which part *France* and *Spain*, proving

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ing what was Prophetically ſaid, *that, from the Height of the great Rock, he might ſee the Countries round both far and near, and might make Choice of thoſe which were moſt for his Advantage.*

In the Seventh Year of his Reign, *Thomas Becket*, who was then Chancellor of *England*, ſucceeded in the Archbiſhoprick of *Canterbury*. The inſolent Behaviour of this haughty Prelate made the King very uneaſy, inſomuch that he publickly declared he ſhould look on thoſe as his Friends, who would revenge him on the traiterous Archbiſhop: Upon this Declaration, three Knights, Sir *Hugh Thornhill*, Sir *Richard Fitzvile*, and Sir *William Tracy*, having conſidered the King's Words, they all went to *Canterbury*, and on the fifth Day in *Chriſtmas* Week, ſtabbed the Archbiſhop as he was going up to the High Altar in that Cathedral, for having in the open Pulpit denounced a Curſe, not only on the People of *England*, but on the King himſelf; whereby that Part of the Prophecy is accompliſhed, which ſaith, *ſtriving to*

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wreſt the All-commanding Keys, to force the Rock that opened to his Neſt, the Wards would be broken.

This alludes to that Prerogative of the Church, called, *The Power of the Keys*, by executing which with too much Rigour, they *broke their own Wards*, as proved true in the Aſſaſſination of *Thomas Becket*, 1170.

The next moſt noted Particular of this King's Life, was his Amour with the Lady *Roſamond*, whoſe fatal Cataſtrophe is univerſally known. This alſo *Merlin* hinteth at herein, by ſaying, That, 1. *Of all the Flowers that grew, the* ROSE's *Scent ſhould moſt delight the King.* 2. That *to prevent any other from being delighted therewith, he planted it in a* Dædalian *Maze*, i. e. *Woodſtock-Bower.*

After her Impoyſonment, ſhe was buried in the Monaſtery of *Godſtow*; and upon her Tomb was graven this Inſcription, *viz.*

Hic jacet in Tumba,
Roſa Mundi, non Roſa munda:

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Non redolet, ſed olet,
Quæ redolere ſolet.

Here lyes entomb'd, alas!
The World's fair ROSE:
Tho' once moſt ſweet,
She'll now offend your Noſe.

We muſt here obſerve, that King *Henry* II. had by Queen *Eleanor* a numerous Iſſue, *Six* Sons and *Three* Daughters: Four of his Sons ſtirred up many unnatural Commotions againſt him, *retaining*, as was predicted, *the Nature of the* Pelican *in the Deſart*; who will pierce her *own Breaſt* to nouriſh her *Young*.

His eldeſt Son *Henry* died in the *Twenty-Eighth* Year of his Reign, and was ſeemingly very Penitent for the Offences he had committed againſt his Father.

King *Henry* had ſome very ſurprizing Admonitions for the Amendment of his Life: one was, That "in his Return from *Ireland*, as he

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" was taking Horſe, there appeared unto him a " Man, of a pale meagre Aſpect, bare-foot, " and in a White Mantle; who thus accoſted " him, *I am ſent to thee from the Lord of Sabboath,* " *who commandeth thee to give Orders that no* " *Markets be kept, nor any ſervile Work be done,* " *on the Day conſecrated unto Him, the Neceſſa-* " *ries of Life, as Food, only excepted. This if* " *thou ſeeſt performed, whatſoever thou purpoſeſt,* " *thou ſhalt bring to a good and happy Iſſue.*

The King ſeemed highly to diſtaſte this Admonition, and ſaid to him who held his Bridle, ——" *Ask of this Churl if he hath dreemt that* " *which he ſpeaketh.* To which the Apparition " replied, *Whether I have dreamt or no, do thou* " *take heed of my Words, and amend thy Life;* " *or, what thou now ſeemeſt to deride will redound* " *to thy extreme Miſery.* Which Words having " uttered, the Spectre vaniſhed. The King de- " parted with great Horror ſeemingly; yet re- " claimed he not his wicked Life.

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He had a *second* Admonition by an *Irishman*, who told all things *which the King had done in secret:* that he thought none had known but himself, and withal adviſed him to Repentance and Amendment of Life: but he ſlighted this, as he did the former Advice. About which time, being the Twenty-fourth Year of his Reign, were taken up the Bones of King *Arthur* and his Queen *Guenever*, in the Vale of *Avalon*, the Hair of her Head ſeeming White and of a freſh Colour, but ſo ſoon as touched fell into Duſt: Their Bones were from thence carried to the Church of *Glaſſenbury* and re-interred.

This Prince had a *Third* Admonition from Sir *William Lindſey*; who roundly told him of many Enormities which required a ſpeedy Correction.

The Hiſtorian *Giraldus Cambrienſis* ſaith, that this Monarch was peerleſs for *Three* Things, Wit, War and Wantonneſs. He reigned Twenty-ſix Years victoriouſly, four Years con-

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fuſedly, and five Years moſt unfortunately. At length, through the violent Rage of his Paſſions, he fell into a Fever, of which he died in the Caſtle of *Chinon* in *Normandy*, and was buried at *Fonteverard*.

Thus, purſuant to the Prophecy, we have ſeen, that *Fortune ſmiled on King* Henry *in the Beginning of his Reign, and forſook him in the End.*

To him ſucceeded *RICHARD* the *Third* of that Name, and his *ſecond* Son, ſirnamed *Cœur de Lion*, in the Year 1189. On the Day of his Coronation he enlarged all Priſoners, except thoſe confined for Murder or Treaſon.

MERLIN's Tenth PROPHECY.

The Lyon's Heart 'gainſt the Saracen will riſe,
And purchaſe from him many a glorious Prize,
The Roſe and Lilly ſhall at firſt unite,
But parting of the Prey prove oppoſite.
Jebus and Salem will be much oppreſt,
As by the Lame and Blind again proteſt.

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The Lyon-hearted among Wolves ſhall range,
And by his Art, Iron into Silver change.
But while abroad theſe great Acts ſhall be done,
All Things at Home ſhall to Diſorder run.
Coop'd up and cag'd then ſha'l the Lyon be,
But after ſuff'rance ranſom'd and ſet free,
Then doubly crowned two mighty ones whoſe Brides,
Tranſcend 'twixt whom a Sea's Arm only glides,
Ambitious Both, ſhall many Conflicts try;
Laſt, by a Poy'nous Shaft the Lyon dye.

King *RICHARD* conferred upon his Brother the Earldoms of *Nottingham*, *Cornwall*, *Cheſter* and *Lancaſter*; and likewiſe made a Match between him and the Earl of *Glouceſter's* only Daughter. Afterwards he undertook a Voyage to the *Holy Land*, leaving the Biſhop of *Ely* Vicegerent. He acquired many Conqueſts Abroad, and married the King of *Navarre's* Daughter in *Sicily*. Upon ſome Differences the *French* King deſerted him and went Home, which, as *Merlin* propheſied, was about *dividing the Spoil*; *agreeing at firſt, but afterwards becoming direct Oppoſites.*

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The Biſhop of *Ely* was a very haughty and troubleſome Viceroy; further fulfilling the Prophecy, that, *Whilſt the King was performing great Acts Abroad, all things at Home were running into Diſorder.*

At length, the King, returning Home, was taken Priſoner; his Enemies rifled him of all his Treaſure, and kept him a Month under cloſe Confinement, and engaged him, weaponleſs, to encounter with a fierce *Lyon*. He conquered the Beaſt, ripped open the Body, took out the Heart, and threw it into the Face of his chief Enemy the Duke of *Lemple*, from hence deriving the remarkable Sirname given him of *Cœur de Lion*.

After the *Lyon*, the Duke's *Son*, fell a Victim to King *Richard*'s Rage, whom he ſlew by a Blow under the Ear; but his *Daughter* being enamoured both of his Perſon and great Valour, gave herſelf up to his Embraces. And for theſe Acts he was ſent to the Emperor, who confined him

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him in a dark Dungeon, where he remained fifteen Months; but at length an Hundred Thousand Pounds was paid for his Ransom. The Prophecy predicting, that, *The* Lyon *should be cooped up, ransomed, and set free.*

This happened in the Eighth Year of his Reign; when, he landed at *Sandwich*, came straight to *London*, and was joyfully received.

JOHN, his Brother, had in his Absence usurped the Diadem, and was, at his Arrival, in *France*. But finding this, he caused himself to be crowned a second Time at *Winchester*. These two Brothers being at last reconciled, King *RICHARD*, in the *Tenth* Year of his Reign, besieged a Castle in *France*, near *Lymoges*; where, one Day walking out, to view the Fortifications, he was shot with a poisoned Arrow.

King *Richard* was remarkable for the Three Vices of Pride, Covetousness, and Lechery, which at his Death he thus Devised; his Pride to the *Knights Templars*, his *Covetousness* to the *Church*,

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Church, and his *Lechery* to the *Clergy*. He was alſo buried at *Fonteverard* in *France*, *Dying*, as was prophecied, *after many Conflicts*, of a *poiſoned Arrow*. He was ſucceeded by

JOHN, who was proclaimed King 1199, and was crowned at *Weſtminſter* on *Holy Thurſday*.

MERLIN's *Eleventh* PROPHECY.

The ſubtile Fox into the Throne ſhall creep,
Thinking the Lyon dead, who did but ſleep.
But frighted with his walking roar, finds cauſe,
To fly the Terror of his Teeth and Paws:
After, this Leopard ſtain'd with many a Spot,
Shall loſe all Rollo by his Guilla got.
Then ſhall thoſe Keys whoſe Power would awe the Fates,
For a long time lock up his Temple Gates.
Unhurt then him of all the Charge he bears,
And wreſt from him the Laurell that he wears.
Woe's me, that from one Leopard ſhould be torne
What many Lyons in their Pride have worne.
Hither the French-Flower would itſelf tranſpoſe,
Where muſt ſpring after, many a glorious Roſe.

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He that did (all he might) the Kirk despise,
Against his Life shall a base Kirk-man rise.

The former Part of this Prediction is apparent in the Premisses, where *John* fought like a *Fox* to insinuate himself before his Father's Death, pretending that *he was* dead, *who did but* sleep.

Our Prophet MERLIN, on account of his stained and contaminated Life, would not vouchsafe him the Name of a *Lyon*, but a *Leopard*; alluding to the *Vices* of *John* as a Parallel to the *Spots* of that *Beast*. For by his cowardly and mean Proceedings, *Philip* the *French* King seized all *Normandy*, and annexed it to his Crown, therein verifying the Prophecy: The Dutchy of *Normandy* being the Dowry given by *Charles*, the Simple, of *France*, with *Guilla* his Daughter: and which had, for three hundred Years, been in Possession of their own Dukes and the Kings of *England*, all which the *Leopard* lost.

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He alſo gave up his Crown, and paid a yearly Tribute to the Pope, by which Means, as MERLIN ſaith, *his Holineſs's Keys locked up the Temple Gates of King* John; *thereby taking from* one *Leopard what ſo* many *Lyons had obtained.*

This was likewiſe foretold by another Prophet of thoſe Days called *Peter* of *Pomfret*, for which he was hanged and quartered by King *John.*

But at length, after a Reign of near Seventeen Years this Prince met his own Fate, being poiſoned by a Monk at *Swinſted Abbey* in *Lincolnſhire.* He had been a great Rifler of Religious Houſes, ſo that as the Prophet ſings,

He that did (all be might) the Kirk deſpiſe,
Againſt his Life ſhall a baſe Kirkman riſe.

Not forgetting what was alſo predicted of the Arrival of *Lewis* the *French* King in this Land,

Hither the French Flow'r will itſelf tranpoſe,
Where muſt ſpring after, many a glorious Roſe.

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King *John* was buried in the Cathedral Church of *Winchester*.

HENRY, the Third of that Name, and eldeſt Son of King *John*, began his Reign at Nine Years old, 1216.

MERLIN's Twelfth PROPHECY.

Dream ſhall the Leopard's Iſſue in the Throne,
(Curdled in Reſt) careful to keep his own;
Nor forcing aught from others; changing then
His Leopard-Spots, a Lyon turn again.
Abroad the ſecond Whelp for Prey will roar,
Beyond the Alps; and to Joves-Bird reſtore
Her decay'd Plumes: the King of Beaſts whoſe Rage
His Youth conceal'd, ſhall rouſe him in his Age,
Againſt the Boar, the Talbot and the Bear,
The Mountain-Cat and Goat, with whom cohere
Of Fowls, the Falcon, Hern, the Peacock, Swan,
With Fiſhes too preſs'd from the Ocean,
With whoſe mix'd Bloud the Forreſt ſhall be dy'd,
Till Love Unite, what Diſcord did Divide.

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Immediately upon the young King's Coronation, the greatest Part of the *English* Peers revolted from the *French* Party, and acknowledged Prince *Henry* their sole *Soveraign*.

In the Fortieth Year of this King's Reign divers Princes of the Empire arrived in *England*, and did Homage to *Richard* Earl of *Cornwall*, as Emperor, and King of the *Romans*; who, upon *Ascension* Day after, was crowned in *Aquisgrane*, verifying, That, *the* second *Whelp would roar abroad for Prey beyond the* Alps; *and restore unto the Eagle* (*Jove's* Bird) *her decayed Plumes*.

In the *fifty-fifth* Year, the King of the *Romans* made Attonement betwixt the King his Brother, and *Gilbert Clare* Earl of *Gloucester*, who had prolonged the *Barons Wars*, upon Condition that he should take a Voyage into the *Holy Land*: but, this Project failing, Prince *Edward* undertook this Voyage in his stead.

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The next Year died *Richard* King of the *Romans*, after he had governed the Empire about ſixteen Years. He was buried at *Hales*, an Abbey of *White Monks* which he himſelf founded.

The Year following died King *Henry*, after a Reign of *fifty-ſix* Years, (leaving for his Heir Prince *Edward*, who was then in the *Holy Land*, and another Son called *Edmund Crouchback*). He was buried in *Weſtminſter-Abbey*.

The Premiſes confirm the Prophecy of *Merlin*, as to this King's Reign, the latter End of which was turbulent, many of his Nobles died, and the Realm became almoſt deſolate; therefore was it truly ſaid of him, that, *the Rage of the* King *of* Beaſts *was concealed in his Youth, but would rouſe in his Age, againſt the* Boar, *the* Talbot, *the* Bear, *the* Mountain-Cat, *and* Goat, *who were all in Conjunction againſt him.*

By the L*yon* was figured the *King*, and by the reſt of the *Beaſts* and *Birds* named, the ſeveral *Creſts*

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Creſts and *Emblazons* in the *Barons* Arms and Scutcheons, by which they were diſtinguiſhed.

MERLIN's *Thirteenth* PROPHECY *of Prince* EDWARD *when he was in the* Holy Land.

An Occidental Dragon, bright as Noon,
Shall, breathing Flames, dark th' Oriental Moon.
The Cambrian-Wolves he thro' their Woods ſhall chace,
Nor ceaſe till he has quite extirp'd their Race.
Then from the North ſhall Fiery Meteors threat,
Ambitious, after Bloud, to quench their Heat.
The Dragon's Blood, at which his Creſt will riſe,
And his Scales Flame; and where he treads, or Flies,
Fright all ſhall him oppoſe: the Northern Dyke
Paſs ſhall he then, and ſet his Foot in Wyke.
After which Show'rs of Bloud will fall upon,
And barren the fair Fields of Caledon.
Then having ended what he took in Hand,
Die in the Marches of another Land.

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A *Saracen* in delivering a Meſſage to Prince *HENRY*, when in *Paleſtine*, wounded him in the Arm with an empoiſoned Knife, which he wreſting out of the *Infidel's* Hand, therewith inſtantly ſlew him. Thus did *the Occidental* DRAGON, *eclipſe the Oriental* MOON, meaning the *Sultan* of *Perſia*, who beareth the *Moon* in his Banner.

Prince *Edward* during his Stay abroad, had a Daughter called *Joan* of *Acris*, or *Arc*, from the Place of her Nativity. She was married to the Earl of *Glouceſter*. This Prince after having been above two Years in *Paleſtine*, was on the Death of his Father called Home to take Poſſeſſion of the Crown of *England*, which he did 1272.

EDWARD I. was ſirnamed *Long-ſhanks*, from his tall Stature; *Alexander* King of *Scotland* was preſent at his Coronation, and paid him Homage for that Kingdom. But *Lewellin* Prince of *Wales* refuſed to come to that Solemnity,

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for which King *Edward* gathered a ſtrong Power, and ſubdued him in his own Territories. *Lewellin* was forced to ſubmit, and the King fortified the Caſtle of *Rutland*, and built the Caſtle of *Flint* to keep the *Welch* in due Obedience.

The King gave to *David*, Brother of *Lewellin*, the Caſtle of *Froddeſham*, who ſeemingly behaved well, but in the End only proved a Spy, and ſtirred up his Brother to attempt a ſecond Rebellion; upon which, the King attacked both theſe Brothers. Sir *Roger Mortimer*, upon whoſe Lands *Lewellin* had heretofore committed great Outrage, ſurprized him, cut off his Head, and ſent it to the King, who was then in *Rutland*; his Majeſty ordered it to be fixed to a Pole, and ſet upon the Tower of *London*.

His Brother *David* was ſoon after taken, and ſentenced to be drawn, hanged and quartered, and his Head placed by his Brother's, wherein that Part of this Prophecy is verified which ſaith, *that he ſhould chace the Cambrian Wolves through their own Woods; and, thereby, totally extirpate them.*

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In the *Twentieth* Year of his Reign his Mother died. The *Scots* having highly disobliged this Prince, by refusing to pay him Homage, he became so enraged thereat, that he besieged the Town of *Berwick*, and slew 25,700 *Scots*, and lost no Man of *Note* save *Richard* Earl of *Cornwall*, and of *meaner* People 25 and no more; which hitherto supporteth the former Prediction, that,

I. *Fiery Meteors from the North, should quench the Heat of those who thirsted after the* Dragon's *Blood.*

II. *That the* Dragon's *Crest should rise, and his Scales flame, and that where he trod or flew he should fright all who opposed him.*

III. *That, He,*

Should pass the Northern Dyke,
And set his Foot in Wyke.

By the Nothern Dyke is implied the River *Tweed*, and by the *Wyke* the Town of *Barwyke*.

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Which after having reduced, the King laid Siege to *Dunbar*, wherein were ſlain 22,000 more of the *Scots*, and of the *Engliſh* a very ſmall Number. Next was beſieged the City of *Edinborough*; he won both it and the Caſtle, in which were found the State-*Regalia*; theſe the King took away, and offered them up at the Shrine of St. *Edward*. After this, the *Scots* ſubmitted; and the King asked them, *What amends they would make him for all the Trouble and Damage they had put him to?* They anſwered that, *they all ſubmitted themſelves to his Mercy*. But afterwards they again rebelled againſt him, and he gave them Battle at a Place called *Fonkirke*, when he ſlew 33,000 more *Scots*, with the Loſs only of 28 Men; and finding no farther Reſiſtance, he returned to *England*, and married *Margaret* Siſter of the King of *France*, whereby a Peace was concluded betwixt the two Kingdoms.

After a Reign of near *thirty-five* Years, King *Edward* died in *Scotland*, from whence his Body was brought, and buried at *Weſtminſter*, fully

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fully confirming what was foretold that, *Showers of Blood would fall upon and make barren* Caledonia, *or* Scotland; *and that he should Die not in his* Own, *but in* Another *Land.*

His Son *EDWARD* II. was born at *Caernarvon* in *Wales*, and succeeded to the Crown, 1307; of whom it was thus prophecied.

MERLIN's *Fourteenth* PROPHECY.

A Goat shall then appear out of a Carre,
With Silver Horns, not Iron, unfit for Warre,
And above other shall delight to feed,
Upon the Flow'r that Life and Death doth breed.
A Corniſh Eagle clad in Plumes of Gold
Borrow'd from others, shall on high behold,
What beſt can pleaſe Him to maintain his Pride,
Whoſe painted Feathers shall the Goat miſguide,
Who at length aiming to ſurprize the Beare,
Him shall the rouſed Beaſt in Pieces teare.
Two Owls shall from the Eagles Aſhes riſe;
And in their Pride the Foreſt Beaſts deſpiſe.
They forc'd at firſt, to take their Wings and Fly,
Shall back returning, bear themſelves ſo high,

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T' out-brave both Birds and Beasts and great Spoils win,
By the Goat's casing in a Lyon's Skin.
But after, be themselves depriv'd of Breath,
By her they scorned, the Flower of Life and Death,
And the Crown'd Goat, thinking Himself secure,
Shall, after all, a wretched End endure.

The Year after his Coronation, King *EDWARD* married *ISABEL*, the Daughter of *PHILIP* of *France*, and returned with her into *England*. To whom, according to the usual time, was born to him at *Windsor* a Son who was named *EDWARD*. The same Year *Pierce Gaveston* was recalled from Banishment, and restored to all his former Honours; but demeaning himself more insolently to the Barons than he had before done, they besieged him in the Castle of *Scarborough*, and won it; they took him Prisoner, and brought him to *Gaversed*, near *Warwick*, where at the Instigation of the Earl of *Lancaster* they cut off his Head. This Earl is, by *Merlin*, called the *Bear*, alluding to the Pro-

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Prophecy, that, *the* Cornish *Eagle*, (i. e. *Gaveſton*, who was Earl of *Cornwall*) *clad in borrowed Plumes, would try to maintain his own Pride, and whoſe gaudy Feathers ſhould miſguide the Goat*, (i. e. the *King*) *who aiming to ſurprize the Bear, by him ſhould be deſtroyed.*

This Prince was greatly miſled by the Pride and Inſolence of the *two* SPENCERS; their Hatred to the *Queen* was ſo great, that they prevailed upon the *King* to ſend her back to *France*. He was ſo weak as not to do any thing without the Advice of the two *Hugh Spencers*, Father and Son, and in a Council held at *York*, notwithſtanding the Advice of the Nobles, he was conſtituted High Chamberlain of *England*, and behaved in as haughty a Manner as *Gaveſton* his Predeceſſor, but purſueth the Prophecy,——*A Goat ſhall appear with* ſilver *Horns, and ſhall delight to feed upon the Flower, from whence ſpringeth both Life and Death. By the Goat's appearing out of a Carr*, alludes to the King's being born at *Caernarvon*; *his Horns of* Silver, *not of* Iron, *denoting his Effeminacy, being unſerviceable for War*,

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War, as was manifeſted in his ſucceſsleſs Attempts againſt the Scots. *By the Flower of Life and Death, is meant his Queen* Iſabel, *who was called the Flower of* France, *at firſt dear to him as Life, but in the End, She was ſaid, with* Mortimer, *to be acceſſary to his Death.*

Hugh Spencer the Father was created Earl of *Wincheſter*, and ſoon after was one *Robert Baldock*, a Fellow of debauched Life and Condition, made Chancellor of *England*; then Forfeits and Fines were gathered, without ſparing of priviledged Places or other, till it aroſe to an immenſe Sum, collected to defray the Expence of another Expedition to *Scotland*. But he ſped in this as in the former, for, he had like to have been taken Priſoner as he ſat at Dinner, which could not have been, had he not had ſome Traytors about him.

Now therefore compare the Premiſes with the Prophecy, wherein it is ſaid,

I. That *Two* Owls *ſhould ariſe out of the* Eagle's *Aſhes, and with Pride contemn the Beaſts of the Foreſt.*

II. *That*

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II. *That they ſhould fly away, then return back again, thinking to out-brave both Birds and Beaſts by caſing themſelves in the* Lyon's *Skin.*

The *Owls* are the Two *Spencers*, who from the Aſhes of the *Corniſh* Eagle *Gaveſton*, grew into the eſpecial Favour of the King; they were ſaid to *caſe* the *Goat* in the Skin of the *Lyon*, by animating the effeminate King againſt the Barons; by whoſe Deaths they got many rich Spoils, but afterwards were put to flight.

Upon the QUEEN's Return from *France*, the two *Spencers* met their Fate; *Hugh* the Father was executed, and buried at *Winchester*; and Sir *Hugh* the Son, was drawn, hanged and quartered at *Hereford*, and his Head ſet upon *London*-Bridge. Thus, as *Merlin* foretold,

They were at length themſelves depriv'd of Breath,
By her they ſcorn'd, the Flow'r of Life and Death.

After the two *Spencers*, was executed the Earl of *Arundel*; and *Robert Baldock* the Chancellor, being confined in *Newgate*, died there in a moſt miſerable Manner.

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In short, the Queen, with her Son Prince *Edward*, were most joyfully received by the Citizens of *London*, and the King was deposed from all Regal Power, and imprisoned.

During his Confinement he grew greatly repentant of his former Course, finding, after a Reign of above Eighteen Years, what it was to be misled by upstart Favourites of mean Extraction.

EDWARD the *Third* of that *Name* was crowned King, his *Father* yet living, 1326. This Prince upon his Accession to the Throne, found the Land in Peace; confirming the Liberties and Franchises of *London* to the Citizens thereof, and gave *Southwark* to be under the Lord Mayor's Rule and Government.

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To the Honourable

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Character of MINERVA.

TO *You*, MADAM, *as the Beautiful Representative of* Great-Britain, *is offered up this* Fourth *Part of the Predictions of* Ambrose Merlin, *to whose Memory the Royal* CAVE *is consecrated. And I am to acquaint you farther*, Madam, *that, in turning over the* Menevian *Records, I have met with a Namesake of our Prophet*, viz. Merlin Calidonius, *or* Sylvester, *called also*, Merlin Wyllt. *His Prophesies are said to have been more Mystical than any others; and, were by the* Tridentine *Council forbid to be read. This Prophet was Disciple to the famous* Taliessin, *and was, as that venerable Historian*

Leland

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Leland *teſtifieth*, a Man admirably lerned in the Knowledg of Natural Things, and propheſied many Things truly. He propheſied in *Calidonia*, of which he had his Name, and He, in the Seventh Batel of King *Arthur* at *Calidonia*, was diſtracted by ſeeing a Monſter in the Ayer, and therupon he lived in Woodes and Wildernes, and therupon was cauled *Sylveſter*. GEOFFREY of *Monmouth* tranſlated his Prophecies into *Laten* Vers. He lived *An. Dom.* 570. under *Maelgwyn* King of *Wales*. He was buried in the Iſle of *Bardeſey*.

Not doubting, Madam, *but that You will countenance whatever is attempted in Honour of the* Merlin-*Family*, *I make bold to ſubſcribe myſelf*

Your moſt Obedient,

Humble Servant,

E. C.

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THE LIFE OF MERLIN.

The Fourth Part.

OF King *EDWARD* the *Third's* Reign it was thus by MERLIN predicted, *viz.*

The Spirits of many Lyons shall conspire,
To make one, by Infusion, so intire:
He by his mighty Courage shall restore,
What his Sire lost, and Grandsire wonne before:

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Neptune his Naval Triumphs ſhall advance,
His Coat he quarters with the Flow'r of France.
And after, maugre the Canicular Tyko,
Tweed ſhall he paſſe, and wi[illegible]agen the Wyke.
A num'rous Iſſue ſhall his Li'neſs bring,
Black ſhall the Firſt be, and tho' never King,
Yet ſhall he Kings Captive! but ere mature,
Die muſt this brave Whelp of a Culexture.
And then behind him ſhall he leave a Kid,
To undo All, both Sire and Grandſire did.

In the *Firſt* Year of his Reign, his Father, by the Means of Sir *Roger Mortimer*, was barbarouſly murthered in *Berkley*-Caſtle, by having a red-hot Iron thruſt up his Bowels. He was privately buried at *Glouceſter*. The ſame Year, he married in the City of *York*, the Lady PHILIPPA Daughter of the Earl of *Hainault*; and ſoon after called a Parliament at *Northampton*.

This Parliament, under the Conduct of that haughty Court-Favourite *Mortimer*, wrought much Miſchief; but he met his deſerved Fate, being,

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being by the ſaid Parliament, adjudged to be hanged.

In the fourth Year of his Reign King *Edward* pierced the Realm of *Scotland*, and laid Siege to the Town of *Berwick*. The *Scots* joining the King's Forces, a very fierce Battle was fought between them at *Hallidowne* Hill, and over the *Scots* the King obtained a moſt triumphant Victory, ſlaying among their Hoſt 7 Earls; 900 Knights and Bannerets; 400 Eſquires; and of the Common People 32,000, in which Engagement were ſlain of the *Engliſh* but 15 Perſons, the Captain of *Berwick* yielding up to the King that Town and Caſtle, verifying, as *Merlin* had predicted, that,

Maugre the Canicular Tyke,
Tweed ſhould be paſſe, and win agen the Wyke.

Tyke in the Northern Dialect ſignifies a *Dog*, therefore by the Canicular Tyke is meant the *Dog*-Star.

Tweed is the Water which parteth the Kingdoms of *England* and *Scotland*.

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Wyke, refers to the Town of *Berwick* or *Barwyke*.

There now grew great Diffention between King *Edward* III. and the King of *France*; which could not by any Mediation be appeaſed, although there were many Meetings appointed for that Purpoſe.

In a great Sea-Fight, between the *Engliſh* and *French*, King *Edward* was ſore wounded in the Thigh, and of the *French* were ſlain 30,000 in that one Naval Conflict. And the King, by Advice of his Confederate Princes, laid Claim to the Crown of *France*, as his rightful Inheritance, and to countenance this Claim the more ſtrongly, he quartered the *Engliſh* LYONS with the *French* Fleur-de-Lis or *Flour-de-Luces*, as to this Day they remain.

In the Eighteenth Year of his Reign, his Son, called *Edward* the Black Prince, was created Prince of *Wales*; and the Year following was inſtituted the moſt *Noble Order of the* GARTER,

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GARTER, which was ſolemnized at *Windſor* as it is to this Day.

Both King *Edward*, and his Son, became greatly victorious over the *French*, inſomuch that their King *John* was by him taken Priſoner, confined in the *Savoy*, and died there. His Body was ſent back to St. *Denys* in *France*, and there Royally interred.

In the *Fifty-firſt* Year of his Reign, *Edward* the Black Prince died in the Palace of *Weſtminſter*, but he was buried at *Canterbury*.

The next Year, at his Manour of *Sheen* in *Surrey*, now called *Richmond*, died the moſt victorious and puiſſant King *Edward* III. of whom *Merlin* hath truly predicted, that, *in him the Spirits of many* Lyons *ſhould combine, enabling him to recover, by his Valour, what his Predeceſſors had loſt by their Temerity.* As truly was it alſo predicted, that, *his Progeny ſhould be numerous, that the Firſt ſhould be Black (i. e.* alluding to the Prince) *and tho' never King, yet Kings ſhould be ſubdue; that he ſhould die immediately of a* Calenture, and *Leave*

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Leave a Kid,
To undo All, both Sire and Grandsire did.

King *EDWARD* 's Body was conveyed to *Westminster*, and there sumptuously interred.

RICHARD the *Second* of that Name, Son of *Edward* the Black Prince, figured by the *Kid* in the Prophecy, at Eleven Years of Age began his Reign, 1377. In the first Year of his Reign, landed in *Kent*, ANNE Daughter of the Emperor *Charles* the Fourth. This Princess was met by the Citizens of *London* on *Black-Heath*, and with great Pomp conducted to *Westminster*, where she was espoused to King *Richard*.

Of this Prince, *Merlin* in his Sixteenth Prophecy thus predicted, in the *fifth* Year of his Reign, *viz.*

Sport shall the young King, in his Youth, and play,
'Gainst whom shall rise the Hedge-Hog and the Grey,
And then the Hobnayle and the clowted Shoone,
Shall the King's Glory strive t'eclipse at Noone;

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And Phebus in his wonted Orbe shine cleare,
Who when he shall in his full Strength appeare,
Four princely Lyons were to him allyde,
Gall shall herwith his Horns in his great Pride,
At length a Fox clad in a Skin of Gold,
Shall snatch the Kid, from midst of all his Fold.
But by a Dolphin of the City lov'd,
This black disastrous Cloud shall be remov'd.

The Year before this *Prophecy*, there happened a great Insurrection of the *Common*-People throughout the Land, their Ringleaders were *Wat Tyler*, *Jack Straw*, &c. and these Fellows became very insolent and troublesome; but, *Jack Straw* upon insulting *William Walworth* a Fishmonger, and then Lord-Mayor of *London*, was by him first knocked down with his Mace, then stabbed him with his Dagger, and afterwards with his Sword cut off his Head, and bore it in Triumph on the Point of a Spear.

From this brave Action, the Citizens of *London* gave the Dagger for their *Arms*, and herein was the Prophecy fulfilled, in saying, that,

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when the young King was ſporting, againſt him ſhould riſe the Hedge-Hog *and the* Gray (i. e. *Wat Tyler* and *Jack Straw*) *with the* Hobnail *and the* clouted Shoone (i. e. the *Mob* who attended them) *that a Cloud ſhould riſe, but be diſpelled by a beloved* Dolphin *in the City*; therein being figured *William Walworth*, the *Fiſhmongers*-Company giving the *Dolphin* for their Arms.

The King ſo highly approved the Courage of the Lord-Mayor, that he Knighted him, and likewiſe ſeveral of the Aldermen.

King *RICHARD*'s firſt *Wife* dying, he next married ISABEL Daughter of CHARLES the Sixth, King of *France*, who was but *Eight* Years of Age.

At length, Differences aroſe between the King and the Duke of *Glouceſter*, who was murdered at *Calais*. *John à Gaunt* claimed his Title to the Crown of *Spain* in right of his Wife. And *Henry* Duke of *Lancaſter* depoſed the King.

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Upon this Occaſion, the Archbiſhop of *Canterbury* ſtood up and made a long Speech, the Purport of which was, to prove the Duke's Title to the Crown, and to juſtify the depoſing of the King; whereby was verified Part of the Prediction, that, *the* Four *Princely* Lyons *to whom he was allied, he would attempt to Gall with his Horns; when, at length a* Fox *in a Golden Skin, ſhould take a* Kid *out of the Fold.*

By theſe *Four* Lyons are figured his four Uncles, Sons of *Edward* the *Third*, whom he had ſeverally injured, preferring Perſons of mean Birth to fill the moſt eminent Poſts in the State.

HENRY of *Balwarke* was pointed at by the *Fox*, who cloathed himſelf in the Golden Robes of Royalty, ſnatching him from amidſt the Fold, that is, from his own Subjects, and cauſed him to be put to a violent and cruel Death, as will be hereafter ſeen.

HENRY, the Fourth of that Name, Son of *John à Gaunt*, Duke of *Lancaſter*, took Poſſeſ-

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ſion of the whole Dominion of *England* in the Year 1399.

Upon his Acceſſion, he conſtituted New Officers throughout the Kingdom, and made 41 *Knights* of the *Bath*. The Coronation of this Prince was very magnificent. Of his Reign it was thus predicted, *viz.*

MERLIN's *Sixteenth* PROPHECY.

The Foxe b'ing earth'd according to his mind,
In the Kid's Den a Magazine ſhall finde,
Yet all that Treaſure cannot his Life ſave,
But rather bring him to a timeleſs Grave.
Mean time ſhall ſtudy many a Foreſt Beaſt,
By a new way to kill the King in Jeſt,
But crafty Reinard ſhall the Plot prevent,
And turn it all to their own Detriment.
Wales and the North againſt him both ſhall riſe,
But he, who ſtill was politick and wiſe,
Shall quell their Rage: much Trouble he'll endure,
And after when he thinks himſelf ſecure,
Hoping to waſh the Kid's Bloud from his Hand,
Purpoſe a Voyage to the Holy-Land,

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But faile: Yet in Hieruſalem ſhall die,
Deluded by a doubtful Augury.

Among other Parliamentary Reſolutions in this Reign, one was, that, *Whoſoever had a Hand in the Duke of* Glouceſter's *Death ſhould be deemed Traytors*; and for which, ſeveral were found guilty and executed. Alſo many Acts of King *Richard* were repealed, and new ones enacted.

King *Richard* was likewiſe removed from the Tower of *London* to *Pontefract* alias *Pomfret*-Caſtle in *Yorkſhire*. After which great Preparations were made for King *Henry*'s keeping his *Chriſtmas* at *Windſor*. Here it was, that ſeveral Lords had conſpired to kill the King, in a *Maſque* which was to have been repreſented before him on *Twelfth*-Night; but this Conſpiracy was detected by the Duke of *Aumerle*, alias *Albemarle*, and the King departed privately on that Night from *Windſor* to *London*. The Lords who were in this Conſpiracy finding their Plot diſcovered, they fled *Weſtward*, but the King

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cauſed ſpeedy Purſuit after them, ſo that the Duke of *Surrey*, and the Earl of *Salisbury* were taken at *Cirenceſter*; Sir *Thomas Blount*, Sir *Bennet Saley*, and *Thomas Wintercell* at *Oxford*; Sir *John Holland* and the Duke of *Exeter* in *Eſſex*, with divers others in ſeveral Places. Among theſe Conſpirators, the Noblemen were beheaded, the reſt were drawn, hanged and quartered; but the Heads of all of them were ſet upon *London-Bridge-Gate*, fulfilling the Premiſes of the Prophecy; that, *many a Foreſt Beaſt ſhould contrive to kill the* Fox, *but that crafty* Reinard *ſhould turn their Contrivance upon themſelves.*

The King having thoroughly conſidered the fatal Conſequences of this Conſpiracy; and that by his Death, a Reſtauration of *Richard* to the Throne was intended, he therefore imagined he could not reign in any Safety while *Richard* was living, he reſolved to take him off, and for that Purpoſe diſpatched Sir *Pierce Exton*, with Eight more, to *Pomfret* Caſtle, who entered his

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his Apartment in the Caſtle, and moſt violently aſſaulted him with their Pole-Axes and Halberds, but he wreſted the Weapon of one of the Aſſailants out of his Hand, and ſo bravely defended himſelf, that he ſlew four of them before he fell; but at length, he became the Victim of Sir *Pierce Exton.*

Henry being now, as he thought, in peaceable Poſſeſſion, fell to rifling King *Richard*'s Coffers, wherein he found above 300,000 l. beſides Plate, Jewels, *&c.* the Whole of which amounted to 700,000 l. Thus was verified the Proceſs of the foregoing Prophecy, that, *the* Fox *being earthed in the* Kid's *Den, according to his Wiſh; tho' a Treaſure ſhould be found, yet even that would not ſave his Life, but bring him to an untimely Grave.*

His Body they depoſited in the Minſter of *Pomfret*, and expoſed it to publick View. It was then brought to *London*, and expoſed again at St. *Paul*'s for three Days. It was firſt privately buried at *Lang'ley* in *Hertfordſhire*, but afterwards interred in *Weſtminſter-Abbey.*

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In the ſecond Year of King *Henry's* Reign, *Owen Glendour* fomented a Rebellion in *Wales*; and in the Third, Sir *Thomas Piercy* Earl of *Worceſter*, and Sir *Henry Piercy* Son of the Earl of *Northumberland*, headed a Party, and engaged the King's Forces near *Shrewsbury*, in which they were worſted; and their Leaders taken Priſoners. The Prince was wounded in the Head, and the Earl of *Stafford* with many others ſlain. In this Battle, Father fought againſt Son, Brother againſt Brother, and Uncle againſt Nephew. Shortly after, Sir *Thomas Piercy* was beheaded at *Shrewsbury*.

About this Time alſo the Dutcheſs of *Breton* landed at *Falmouth*, and from thence proceeded to *Wincheſter*, where ſhe was eſpouſed to King *Henry*.

Soon after *Richard Scroop* Archbiſhop of *York*, with Lord *Mowbray* Marſhal of *England*, and others, raiſed a new Inſurrection, and engaging the King's Forces near *York*, were worſted; the Archbiſhop and the Marſhal taken Priſoners, and Both beheaded. Theſe

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These Commotions carry on our Prophecy, wherein it is said, that, *both* Wales *and the* North *should rise against him*, but *that he should be politick, and quell their Rage.*

In the Fourteenth Year of his Reign, the King took a Voyage to the Holy Land, where he died, wholly fulfilling *Merlin's* Prediction, that, *his Reign would be troublesome; and that, when he thought himself secure, (hoping to cleanse himself from the Blood of the* Kid *by taking a Voyage to the* Holy Land;) *yet that he should fail, and die in* Jerusalem.

Thus, after a Reign of above *Fourteen* Years, he left behind him *Four* Sons, *Henry* Prince of *Wales*; *Thomas* Duke of *Clarence*; *John* Duke of *Bedford*; and *Humphry* Duke of *Gloucester*. With *Two* Daughters, *One* Queen of *Denmark*, the other Dutchess of *Bavaria*. His Body being brought to *England*, was deposited in the Cathedral of *Canterbury*.

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HENRY, the *Fifth* of that Name, ſucceeded his Father 1412, of whom, and whoſe Reign, it was thus predicted, *viz.*

MERLIN's *Eighteenth* PROPHECY.

Note, a ſtrange Mixture in the Planets Seed,
For now a Mercury, a Mars ſhall breed,
Who in his Arms accommodate and fit,
Shall compaſs more by Warre, than He by Wit;
The Caduceus to a Sword ſhall change,
And grim Orion ſhall, tho' it ſeem ſtrange,
Sit in Aſtrea's Orb, and from her teare,
The three-leaf'd-Flower ſhe in her Hand did beare,
And turn it to a Lawrell, to adorn
The Lyon's Brows, whom late the Toad did ſcorn.
And after many a furious Victory,
At length inveſted ſhall the Lyon bee
In a new Throne, to which his Claim is faire,
As being match'd unto the Kingdomes Heire:
Living, this Royal Beaſt ſhall loſe no time,
But be at laſt from Earth ſnatch'd in his Prime.

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This Prince, soon after his Coronation, caused the Body of King *Richard* to be removed from the *Fryars* to *Langley*, and solemnly interred on the South Side of Saint *Edward's* Shrine in *Westminster*-Abbey near that of his Wife Queen *Anne*.

In the second Year of his Reign he held a Parliament at *Leicester*, in which the *Commons* promoted a *Bill* against the *Clergy* for keeping too much of the *Temporalities* in their Hands. They imagining that the *King* would pass it into an *Act*, reminded his Majesty of the Claim he had to the Crown of *France*; and several of the Bishops offered large Sums of Money to stop the farther Progress of the said Bill, and gained their Point.

However, the King listening to the Advice of the Bishops, sent Letters to the *French* King to demand his Right; but that Monarch despised his Claim: upon which, Preparations were made to open a War between them.

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In the *Third* Year of his Reign, he went, attended by his Nobles, to *Southampton*, where he had ordered his Army to meet him; and there, *Richard* Earl of *Cambridge*, Sir *Richard Scroope* (Treasurer of *England*) and Sir *Thomas Gray*, were Arrested for High Treason; arraigned, fined, and convicted, and on the 29th of *July* Beheaded.

The Day after their Execution the King put to Sea; landed in *Normandy* on the 16th of *August*, and immediately laid Siege to *Harfleur* and took it. King *Henry* next became victorious at *Agincourt*; pursued his Conquests in *France*, and in his Return Home, brought many Prisoners to *Calais*; where, he and his Army, for some Time rested.

Thus was it truly prophesied of Him, that, *among the* Planets Seed *a strange Mixture should be found; that, a* Mercury *should bring forth a* Mars; *who should acquire more by his Arms, than the other by his Wit.*

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By *Mercury* and *Mars*, were figured King *Henry* and his *Father*, who by his Military Proweſs atchieved more than had been done in the foregoing Reign by Artifice.

The King was moſt joyfully and magnificently received at his Return from *France*; when, at that Time, arrived here the Emperor *Sigiſmond*; the Duke of *Briga*; another *German* Prince, and the Duke of *Holland*, all of whom the King made Knights of the Garter: and, after about two Months Stay here, He conducted them as far as *Calais*.

Many Victories at Sea were gained by the *Engliſh* Fleet, and the King made a ſecond Expedition into *France*; where, as before, he became Conqueror; and at length ſuch an Unity was effected between the two Crowns, that at the Inſtance of *Philip*, Duke of *Burgoigne*, the King, at *Troyes* in *Champaigne*, ſolemnized a Marriage with the Lady *Catharine*, Heireſs to the Crown of *France*. And farther, a ſtrict League of Friendſhip was in all Reſpects con-

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firmed; so that it was seen, *The* Caducean-Rod *of his Father, was turned into a Sword. That* Orion *took place of* Astræa, *and tore the* Fleur-de-Lis *out of her Hand, turning it into a* Laurel *to adorn the Brows of the* Lyon *whom the* Toad *had fighted.*

The same Allegory as before, in *Mercury* and *Mars*, is here figured by *Orion*, who is called *Lucifer* for the Terribleness of his Aspect, he removeth *Astræa* the Goddess of Justice out of her Seat, rending from her the *Fleur-de-Lis*, with which he crowned the *Lyon*, *i. e.* King *Henry*, whom the *Toad* did *slight* and *scorn* (thus demonstrated) *viz.* The *Three Toads* being originally the Arms of *France*, afterwards changed to the *Three Fleur-de-Lys*.

King *Henry* and his new *Queen* were magnificently treated at *Paris*; where, after a short Respite, he laid Siege to divers Towns, and reduced the same to his Obedience. He then returned to *England*; and, in the Tenth Year of his Reign, on the 6th Day of *December*, was born at *Windsor*, HENRY Prince of *Wales*.

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At *Easter* following, the Queen went to *France*, where by her Father and Mother she was most Royally received. King *Henry* being still deeply buried in his *Gallic*-Wars, and gaining from that Kingdom both Towns and Cities, fell grievously sick at *Bois de Vincennes*, where he died on the last Day of *August*.

It was very remarkable, that on the Birth of his Son the King thus delivered himself, *I Henry born at* Monmouth, *shall remain but for a short time, and gain much; but* Henry *born at* Windsor *shall reign long, and lose All.*

The Body of King *Henry* the Fifth, being embalmed, was sent over, and sumptuously interred in *Westminster*, concluding *Merlin*'s Prediction,

That after many a famous Victory,
At length invested should the Lyon be
In a new Throne; to which his Claim was fair,
As being match'd unto the Kingdom's Heir.
Living, this Royal Beast did lose no Time,
But yet from Earth was snatched in his Prime.

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HENRY, the Sixth of that Name, his only Son, an Infant but of Nine Months old, was crowned King 1422, the Duke of *Glouceſter* was made Protector of his Perſon and Realm; and the Duke of *Bedford* was made Regent of *France*. Thus was the young Prince fixed under the Guardianſhip of his Two Uncles.

In the *Firſt* Year of his Reign died CHARLES the *Seventh* King of *France*; by whoſe Death that Crown and Realm devolved to our young King *Henry*, the Poſſeſſion of which, was by the unanimous Conſent of the Lords of *France*, except ſome few who joined with the *Dauphin*, delivered to the Duke of *Bedford* as Regent.

So ſucceſsful was our Regent, that he won from the *Dauphin* above 24 ſtrong Holds and Caſtles, to the great Honour of the *Engliſh* Nation, and this was performed in the ſecond Year of King *Henry*'s Reign.

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He was crowned at *Weſtminſter* in the *Ninth* Year of his Age, when he made 36 Knights of the *Bath*. Shortly after his Coronation Preparations were made for the King's Journey into *France*, and on St. *George*'s Day following, he took Shipping and landed at *Calais* with a moſt noble Train of *Engliſh* Nobility, during whoſe Abode there many Battles were fought between the *Engliſh* and *French*, the latter of whom were moſtly victorious, which was attributed to the Magical Feats of a Sorcereſs called *Joan de Arc*, or *Le Pucel de Dieu, the Mayden of God*. She was, herſelf, in many Engagements, and at length came to the Town of *Compeigne*, with Intent to relieve it from the Siege laid thereto by the Duke of *Burgoigne* and the *Engliſh*, but by the Valour of Sir *John Luxemburgh*, a *Burgonian* Knight, ſhe, and her Party, were wholly diſcomfited, and herſelf taken Priſoner. They carried her to *Roban*, where ſhe was kept ſome time upon her Pretence of being with Child, but the contrary being found, ſhe was tried, adjudged

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judged to Death, and her Body burnt to Ashes. This sarcastical Epitaph was made upon her, *viz.*

Here lies Joan *of* Arc, *the which,*
Some count Saint, *and some count* Witch;
Some count Man, *and something* more,
Some a Maid, *and some a* Whore.

In the *Tenth* Year of his Reign, King *Henry* was, at *Paris*, crowned King of *France*, on the 7th Day of *December*. His Majesty retired to the City of *Rohan*, where he kept his *Christmas*; from whence returning to *England*, he was most joyfully received, and of whom it was thus predicted, *viz.*

MERLIN's *Nineteenth* PROPHECY.

How comes the Sun to Rise, where he should set?
Or, how Lambs, Lyons; Lyons, Lambs beget?
Yet so't must be. The Lamb tho' doubly crown'd,
And thinking his large Empire had no Bound,
Yet shall a Dolphin, at a low Ebb, land,
And snatch one pow'rful Sceptre from his Hand.

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Thus it falls out twixt Father and the Son,
Windſore ſhall loſe whatever Monmouth wonne.
A Tygreſſe then in Title only proud,
In the Lamb's Boſome ſeeks herſelf to ſhroud;
A ſeeming Saint: At firſt, Meek and Devout,
But in ſhort Time her Fierceneſſe will break out,
Nor can her Rav'nous Fury be withſtood,
Untill, full-ſated, with beſt Engliſh Bloud:
But a young Lyon, he at length ſhall tame,
And ſend her empty back from whence ſhe came.
Much Trouble ſhall be made about the Crowne,
And Kings, as ſoon as rais'd, as ſoon put down.

After many Engagements betwixt the *Engliſh* and the *French*, CHARLES the *Dauphin* became King of *France*, and declared himſelf an utter Enemy to this Nation.

In the *Fourteenth* Year of King *HENRY*'s Reign, died the moſt noble Duke of *Bedford*, Regent of *France*, and was pompouſly buried at *Roban*. Shortly after, the Earl of *Suffolk* ſought to ſupplant the Duke of *Glouceſter*, Lord Pro-

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tector and Uncle to the King; which, in the End, was the Deſtruction of them Both.

In his *One and Twentieth* Year King HENRY was married at *Southwick* in *Hampſhire* to *Margaret*, Daughter of the King of *Jeruſalem*. Providence ſeemed diſpleaſed with this Match; for, from henceforward, Fortune began to forſake the King. He loſt his Friends in *England*, and his Revenues in *France*, by permitting the Queen to ſway the Realm. Her Counſels were very pernicious, and from them proceeded not only the Loſs of *Normandy*, but a Rebellion of the Lords and Commons. The King was depoſed, her Son ſlain, and herſelf baniſhed the Land for ever. Theſe Miſeries enſued, as it was univerſally conjectured, on Account of the King's Breach of a Marriage-Contract, firſt made between him and a Daughter of the Earl of *Arminiack*, wholly owing to the Avarice of the Earl of *Suffolk*.

In the Twenty-Fifth Year of King *HENRY* a Parliament was called at *Bury St. Edmond's* in *Suffolk*,

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Suffolk, which was no ſooner aſſembled, than *Humphrey* Duke of *Glouceſter* was arreſted for High Treaſon; and in ſix Days after, found dead in his Bed; not without ſtrong Suſpicion of being murdered: of which the Marquis of *Suffolk* was chiefly ſuſpected. His Body, after being publickly ſhewn, was interred at *St. Albans*. Soon after, five of his Domeſticks were Drawn and Hanged, but by the King's Mercy not Quartered.

In the *Twenty-Eighth* Year was called another Parliament, wherein the Marquis of *Suffolk* was arreſted for High Treaſon, and committed to the Tower, but in a Month's Time was ſet at Liberty, not only to the Diſcontent of many of the *Lords*, but all the *Commons*; of which one *Bluebeard* called himſelf Captain. Theſe Commotions were ſoon ſuppreſſed, and the Chief of the Ringleaders executed.

This Year alſo being the Jubilee, the Commons of *Kent* aſſembled themſelves in great Numbers, headed by one *Jack Cade*, who called

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himſelf *Mortimer*. This Fellow being for ſome time very troubleſome, was at length taken, by a *Kentiſh* Gentleman, in a Garden in *Suſſex*, who through the Oppoſition he made ſlew him. His Body was brought to *London*, his Head put upon the Bridge, and his Quarters ſent to four Towns in *Kent*, to be expoſed as a Terror to the late Offenders.

In his *Twenty-Ninth* Year, on account of the Duke of *Somerſet*'s having given up *Normandy*, ſome of the Lords were diſpleaſed with the Queen and her Counſel; inſomuch that the Duke of *York*, Father of King EDWARD the *Fourth*, with many Lords to him allied, oppoſed themſelves againſt her; and the Year following, the King with the Duke of *Somerſet* and other Nobles marched towards *Wales*, thinking of meeting the Duke of *York* and his Forces. But they met at laſt on *Blackheath*, where a Truce was made betwixt them. The Duke of *York* declared, that his Intent was only to redreſs Grievances, and not to hurt the King's Perſon, but to remove ſome evil Miniſters from the Queen,

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Queen. The King agreeing to the Duke's Terms, he disbanded his Forces, and came to the King's Tent; where, greatly to his Surprize, he found the Duke of *Somerset* in Waiting. The King revoked his Promise, and the Duke of *York* was himself seized and sent Prisoner to *London*, and had been close confined, but that News was brought Sir *Edward* his Son, Earl of *March*, was coming thither with a strong Party of *Welshmen* and *Marchmen*, which so surprized the Queen and her Counsellors, that the Duke of *York* was instantly set at Liberty, and all, outward, Marks of Favour shewn unto him.

Thus came to pass, that Part of the Prophecy which saith, that, *although the* Lamb *was doubly crowned, and thought his Empire boundless; yet, at low Ebb, a* Dolphin *should deprive him of his Scepter. And that as to* Father *and* Son, *whatever* Monmouth *had gained should be lost by* Windsor.

I. King *Henry* VI. from the Meekness of his natural Disposition, was compared to a Lamb.

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II. He was doubly crowned both at *London* and *Paris*.

III. The *Dauphin*, (i. e. *Dolphin*) of *Vien* being reduced to the loweſt Ebb of State, did in time (through the Perfidiouſneſs of the Duke of *Burgoigne*) recover the whole Realm of *France*, with the Dukedom of *Normandy*; whereby, he was enabled to deprive *Henry* of one Scepter; ſo that, in fine, this Prince no way participating the Noble and Heroic Spirit of his Father, loſt all by his Puſillanimity that *Henry* V. born at *Monmouth*, had atchiev'd through his unmatchable Proweſs.

In his *Thirty-firſt* Year, the Queen ſtill continued the Purſuit of her ambitious Views; inſomuch that after many Conflicts the Duke of *York*, was not only made Protector, but proclaimed Heir to the Crown. So that as *Merlin* ſays, the Queen proved a *Tygreſs*, proud only of a Title, ſheltering herſelf in the *Lamb*'s Boſom. By her, ſeeming, Meekneſs and Devotion ſhe was, at firſt, looked upon as a *Saint*; but

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but in a ſhort time her Ambition diſplayed itſelf.

Nor could her rav'nous Fury be withſtood,
Untill full-ſated with beſt Engliſh Blood.

This was manifeſted,

I. By her cauſing the King to remove from *London* to *Coventry*, and ſending from thence by a Privy Seal, for the Earls of *Warwick* and *Saliſbury*, whoſe Lives were Ambuſhed in the Way; of which having Notice, they eſcaped the Danger.

II. The Queen's next Attempts were againſt the Earl of *Warwick*'s Father, and in the Cloſe of theſe Turmoils the Duke of *York* was ſlain in the bloody Battle of *Wakefield*. Upon this, the Queen thought all ſafe, and that all her Views would be accompliſhed: She now exulted with more Pride than ever, in the Heighth of which, News was brought her, that EDWARD Earl of *March*, eldeſt Son of the Duke of *York*, with the Earl of *Warwick* and others, attended by a numerous Force, were marching towards *London*. But before her quitting *St. Albans*, where the

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the King and she then resided, she caused the Lord *Bonsfield* and others to be Beheaded. However, at length, *Henry* was deposed for his Breach of Honour and Oath; who being looked upon as Queen-rid, was therefore insufficient to govern the Realm; so that *EDWARD*, eldest Son of the Duke of *York*, was elected King. And the King, Queen, Prince *Edward*, the Duke of *Somerset*, Lord *Rosse* and others, were forced to fly into *Scotland*, and King *EDWARD* entered the City of *York* in Triumph.

Thus, after above thirty-eight Years Reign, *Henry* lost the Crown, and his turbulent Queen forfeited all her Right in the Kingdom; verifying what was predicted, that, a young *Lyon* should be tamed, who would send her back to the Place from whence she came. That,

Much Trouble would ensue about the Crown,
And Kings soon Rais'd, as soon be Tumbled down.

We come next to *EDWARD*, the Fourth of that Name, Son of *Richard* Duke of *York*, who took Possession of the Throne, on Saint *Peter's* Day 1461. He was solemnly crowned at *Westminster*,

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minſter, when he made *Thirty-ſix* Knights of the *Bath*; and ſoon after King *Edward* was proclaimed an Uſurper, the Duke of *Glouceſter* a Traytor, and both Attainted by Parliament. But in a ſhort Time, *Edward* rallied his Forces, became victorious in two Battles, at *Barnet* and *Tewksbury*, where Prince *Edward*, King *Henry*'s only Son, was taken Priſoner and killed in his Father's Preſence. Thus again, was King *Edward* poſſeſſed of the Kingdom.

King *Henry* was a ſecond Time ſent to the Tower, where he was murdered by the Duke of *Glouceſter*; and the Duke of *Clarence* was attainted in Parliament, and afterwards privately murdered in the Tower.

King *Edward* having thus ſubdued his Enemies, he ſent over the diſtreſſed Queen *Margaret* into her own Country, whence ſhe never returned. The Body of King *Henry* the Sixth was very irreverently brought from the Tower to Saint *Paul's*, where it was lodged for one Night, and the next, carried to *Chelſea*, where it was without any Solemnity interred.

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There happened not any thing more of Conſequence during this Reign, but the Realm was quietly governed, and after a Reign of above *Twenty-two* Years, the King died of a Surfeit at *Weſtminſter*, the 11th of *April*, 1483. His Body was, with all due and ſolemn Ceremony, interred at *Windſor*.

The laſt Prophecy, being in all reſpects accompliſhed, we are next to proceed to the Reign of King

EDWARD, the *Fifth* of that Name, who at Eleven Years of Age began his Reign, 1483; and of whom, and his Uncle *Richard* Duke of *Glouceſter*, we ſhall here give

MERLIN's *Twentieth* PROPHECY.

From the Herculean Lyon lately ſphere'd,
And in his Orb to Jove himſelf endear'd;
Shall ſhine two Stars, without Eclipſe or Cloud,
But they as to ſome ſacred Offering vow'd,
Shall periſh on the Altar e'er they grow
To that full Splendor, which they owe.

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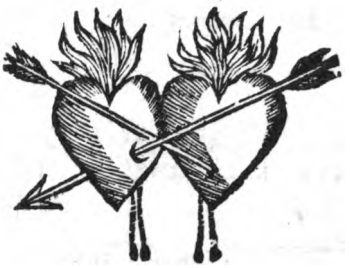
A Hunch-back'd Monſter who with Teeth is born,
The Mockery of Art, and Nature's Scorn;
Who from the Womb prepoſt'rouſly is hurl'd,
And with Feet forward thruſt into the World,
Shall from the lower Earth on which he ſtood,
Wade ev'ry Step he mounteth deep in Bloud.
He ſhall to th' Heighth of all his Hopes aſpire,
And cloath'd in State his ugly Shape admire;
But when he thinks himſelf moſt ſafe to ſtand,
From Foreign Parts a native Whelp ſhall land,
Who ſhall the long-divided Bloud unite,
By joining of the Red-Roſe with the White.



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Miſs *PAGET.*

TO You, MADAM, the beautiful Repreſentative of our IMMORTAL Queen *ELIZABETH*, I here conſecrate this Votive Tablature, of *England*'s Prophetical MERLIN, now brought to a Concluſion

Hoping, MADAM, that You will pardon this Preſumption in

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One who ſincerely *wiſhes* You All You can *wiſh* Yourſelf in *this* World, and all that You deſire in the *next*.

Your moſt Obedient,

Humble Servant,

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THE LIFE OF MERLIN.

The Fifth and Laſt Part.

KING *EDWARD V.* was never Crowned. Immediately on his Succeſſion the Duke of *Glouceſter* ſeized upon Earl *Rivers*, Brother of the Queen, and got the young King into his Power; whereupon her Majeſty with her other Son *Richard*, and five Daughters, were obliged to take Sanctuary at *Weſtminſter*.

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The Duke of *Glouceſter* next prevailed upon the Council to conſtitute him Protector both of the King and Kingdom; and likewiſe with the Queen to put under his Care her Son *Richard* Duke of *York*; which done, he claps up him, with the King, in the Tower.

Glouceſter now performed his Political Operations by cutting off the Heads of Lord *Haſtings*, *Anthony Woodville*, Earl *Rivers*, and Lord *Richard Gray* the Queen's Son. He then declared King *Edward* and the Duke of *Clarence*, as well as the Iſſue of *Edward* IV. illegitimate; and by the Duke of *Buckingham*'s Aſſiſtance uſurped the Throne by the Name of *Richard* III. two Princes he cauſed to be ſmothered in their Beds, in the Tower, but where their Bodies were buried is uncertain.

Thus according to the foregoing Prophecy, the *Herculean* Lyon (King *Edward* IV.) lately *ſphered* (*i. e.* by Death tranſlated above the *ſpheres*) the *two* luminous Stars, *Edward* V. and his Brother *Richard*, Duke of *York*, were *ſacri-*

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ficed, as an *Offering*, on the *Altar*. The Remainder of the Prophecy we shall find verified in the Usurper.

RICHARD III. was crowned at *Westminster* with ANNE his Queen 1483, she was the youngest Daughter of *Richard Nevil* the Great Earl of *Warwick*, Relict of Prince *Edward* Son of *Henry* VI.

Richard was crowned a *second* time at *York*; and his only Son *Edward* created Prince of *Wales*. He called a Parliament the next Year 1484, who recognized his Title, and this Year died the Prince of *Wales*; upon which the Duke of *Buckingham* set up the Earl of *Richmond*'s Title to the Crown, and raised Forces against King *Richard*; but the Duke being taken at *Shrewsbury*, was there beheaded. The Earl of *Richmond* and his Adherents were attainted by Parliament, 1485, King *Richard*'s Queen died, and the Earl of *Richmond* landed in *Wales*. Soon after, he fiercely engaged King *Richard* at *Bosworth* Field, near *Leicester*, where, by his own Hand, the King fell, and his Army was totally routed.

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Short were these Reigns, *Edward* V. being but of two Months and 18 Days Continuance; and *Richard* III. was but two Years and two Months. He was buried in the *Gray-Fryars* Church of *Leicester*, but left no Issue behind him.

Such was the Fate of this deformed Monster *Richard* III. who, as the Prophecy tells us, was the Scorn of Nature and the Mockery of Art. He is said to have been born with Teeth, and came preposterously into the World with his Feet forward. Every Step to his Ambition, says MERLIN, *he shall mount Knee-deep in Blood: and, when mounted to the Heighth of all his Hopes, then admiring in State his ugly Shape, and thinking himself most safe, shall be pulled down by a native Whelp,*

Who shall the long-divided Blood unite,
By joining of the Red Rose with the White.

Next *HENRY*, the *Seventh* of that Name, Son of the Earl of *Richmond*, began his Reign 1485, and was crowned at *Westminster*.

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In the *second* Year of his Reign he eſpouſed *Elizabeth* eldeſt Daughter of King *Henry* IV. who the Year after was likewiſe crowned at *Weſtminſter*. King *Henry* VII. being the native Lyon's Whelp, who was to unite the *White* and *Red* Roſes. For by this Marriage, the long divided Houſes of *York*, who gave the WHITE, and *Lancaſter*, who gave the RED *Roſe*, were moſt happily conjoined; and from *that* to *this*, preſent, Day, have never been diſparted. Now therefore let us hear

MERLIN's *Twenty-Firſt* PROPHECY of this *Prince's* Reign.

The Spirit that was merely Saturnine,
Being ſuppreſt, upon the Land ſhall ſhine
Planets of a more glad Aſpect, and make
Peace from their Orbs, fix'd in the Zodiacke:
Yet from the cold Septentrion, Mars ſhall threat,
And warm their rigid Pulſes with his Heat.
And Mercury ſhall (tho' it may ſeem rare)
Conſult with Caſſiopeia in her Chair,

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To fashion strange Impostures, but War's God
By Sword, nor Hermes with his charming Rod,
Shall aught prevail: where Power with Princes meet,
And when Religion shall Devotion greet;
Where all these Four at once, predominant are,
Vain are th' Attempts of Stratagem or Warre;
But he who of the Former is possest,
Shall be Abroad renown'd; at Home be blest.
Fame, afar off his Glorious Name shall tell,
And Plutus, near at hand, make his Coffers swell.

By the *Saturnine*-Spirit, is figured the bloody Catastrophe of *Richard* the *Third*. For, as *Saturn* was said to devour his own Children, so did *Richard* thirst after the Blood of his own Brother and Nephews; which justifies the Allusion herein.

King *Henry* being peaceably instated in his Throne, his Queen in 1486 was delivered of a Son, named *Arthur*.

The King's old inveterate Enemy the Dutchess of *Burgundy* set up an Impostor called *Lambert*

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bert Symnel, a Baker's Son, to perſonate *Richard* Duke of *York*. But hearing that the King intended to take off the young Earl of *Warwick*, Son to the Duke of *Clarence*, then a Priſoner in the Tower, they changed *Symnel*'s Name from *York* to *Warwick*; ſending him to *Ireland*, where he was proclaimed King, and crowned at *Dublin* by the Name of *Edward* the *Sixth*.

The Queen Dowager of *Edward* the Fourth was confined in *Bermondſey* Abbey in *Surrey*, and her Eſtate ſeized by the King, who ſuſpected her to be concerned in this Contrivance of ſetting up *Symnel*: But ſhe died ſhortly after.

Symnel, with the Earl of *Lincoln*, and a Body of *Iriſh* Troops, landed, 1487, but were defeated by the King's Forces at *Stoke*, near *Newark* upon *Trent*; the Earl of *Lincoln* was killed upon the Spot, with 4000 of his Party; and *Symnel* and his Tutor made Priſoners. The King would not put this poor, wretched Impoſtor to Death, but made him a Scullion in his Kitchen, and afterwards one of his Falconers, in which Poſt he died. His Tutor was committed to ſome obſcure Priſon, and never heard of more. In

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In the fourth Year of his Reign there happened an Insurrection in the *North* about Taxes, wherein the Earl of *Northumberland* was killed, but the Commotion was soon suppressed.

June 22, 1491, Prince *Henry* was Born at *Greenwich*. And, this Year, the *Moors* were driven out of *Spain*, and *America* discovered by *Christopher Columbus*.

The Dutchess of *Burgundy* devises new Plots to disturb the Peace of the King, by setting up another Impostor, *Perkin Warbeck*; but this Wretch was soon routed, and many of his Followers hanged.

The Disturbances in the *North* being quelled, fulfills what was prophesied that, altho this *Nation* was threatened from that *Quarter*, yet *Mars* with his *Heat* soon expelled their *Frigidity*.

Perkin, and some of his Adherents, rallying again, he is taken and sent to the Tower, and in the end hanged at *Tyburn*. The Lord *Stanley* and the Earl of *Warwick* lost their Heads on this Fellow's Behalf, 1499. The

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The next Year, 1500, there happened ſo great a Plague in *England*, that the King and Court were obliged to retire to *Calais* for Safety.

Prince *Arthur* married *Catharine* the Infanta of *Spain*, he being about 15 and ſhe 18 Years of Age, *Nov.* 14, 1502, but the *April* following, He died at *Ludlow*-Caſtle.

Prince *Henry* being about twelve Years of Age, was created Prince of *Wales*, and contracted to the Infanta *Catharine* his late Brother's Wife.

King HENRY the *Seventh*'s Chapel, at the *Eaſt*-End of *Weſtminſter*-Abbey was built 1505.

King *Henry*'s eldeſt Daughter, the Princeſs *Margaret*, was this Year married to *James* IV. King of *Scotland*. And the next Year the King by his two evil Miniſters *Empſon* and *Dudley* extorted large Sums of Money from his Subjects; upon which, another Conſpiracy broke out, through the Means of the Earls of *Suffolk*, *Devonſhire*, and others, but it was ſoon blaſted.

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Christ-College, and that of Saint *John* the Evangeliſt in *Cambridge*, were founded by the King's Mother *Margaret* Counteſs of *Richmond* and *Derby*, 1508. And on the 22d of *April*, the next Year, King *Henry* died in the 53d Year of his Age, and the 24th of his Reign. He was magnificently buried in his own Chapel at *Weſtminſter*. He left near Two Millions of Money, which he acquired by Extortion; but in ſome Meaſure to make amends he converted the Palace of the *Savoy* into an Hoſpital, and built ſeveral Religious Houſes.

We have in this Prince's Reign beheld now, agreeing with the Prophecy, all the Dutcheſs of *Burgundy*'s Plots were confounded in hanging of *Perkin Warbeck*, of whom *Merlin* had long before predicted that, *Mercury* and *Caſſiopeia* ſhould conſult to ſet up *Impoſtures*, alluding to the Stratagems of this Dutcheſs. But proceeds *Merlin*, *Neither* Mars *with his Sword*, *nor* Hermes *with his Divining-Wand*, *ſhall ever prevail when Power*, *Prudence*, *Religion and Devotion*, *are in Conjunction.*

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tion. And where the first was lodged, that Prince should be renowned Abroad, happy at Home, and Plutus *would swell his Coffers, alluding to the Riches of which* HENRY VII. *died possest.*

HENRY the *Eighth* of that Name, ascended the Throne 1509. He was joyfully received as the Successor of so worthy a Prince as his Father; who was both famous and fortunate from the beginning to the end of his Reign, of whom *Merlin* in his *Twenty-second* Prophecy thus singeth, *viz.*

Rouse him shall this fierce Lyon in his Den,
Be favour'd of the Gods, and fear'd of Men.
Gallia shall quake, Albania stand in Awe,
And Cesars stoop if he but shews his Paw.
To league with him Hesperia shall take Pride,
Those whom the Africk-Moors half black had dy'd,
He, by his Art, shall fashion Musical Grounds
From th' untun'd Harp, which Discords only sounds,
And farther from the Septarchy of Hills,
That Europe awes, and Triple-Crown, that fills
The Christian World with Terror: take the Power
And bring it Home unto his British Bower:

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Blunting the Horns of all the Baſan Bulls,
And rooting from the Land the razor'd Skulls:
O'er Glaſtenbury, for the Eye that's dim,
May at that Day behold a Whiting ſwim.
But none without their Faults ſince Adam's Fall,
He ſhall have many Virtues but not all.
Who never ſpares (for who can Frailty truſt?)
Man in his Rage, nor Woman in his Luſt.
The Hare ſhall kindle, upon the Harth-Stone,
And Lads ſhall wed Laſſes when Lords are gone.

This Prince ſolemnized his Marriage with his Brother's Widow, and they were both crowned at *Weſtminſter*.

The firſt publick Act he performed was hanging thoſe two evil Counſellors of his Father, *Empſon* and *Dudley*.

A Prince was born at *Richmond*, but died the Year following.

In the *fourth* Year of his Reign, the King in Perſon invaded *France*, and took *Terouonve* and *Tournay*.

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Upon an Insurrection of the *Scots* King, *James* IV. he was defeated at *Floddon* Field, and himself killed upon the Spot.

There fell, likewise, in this Battle, *Eight* Bishops and *Eleven* Earls; and, of the common Soldiers, the Slaughter was almost innumerable.

In his *Sixth* Year a Peace was concluded between *England* and *France*; and in his *Seventh*, the King of *France* espoused the Lady *Mary*, the King's Sister, in the Month of *May*, but he dying on New-Years-Day following, the King sent for Her back again.

In *February* the Princess *Mary* was born at *Greenwich*; and in *April* the Queen of *France* came into *England*, and was married to the Duke of *Suffolk:* in which Year also *Margaret* Queen of *Scotland*, the King's Sister, fled hither, and lay at a Place called *Hare-Bottle*, where she was delivered of a Daughter named *Margaret*. She arrived in *London* in *May*, and after a Year's Residence she returned back to her own Country.

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In the *Tenth* Year of his Reign, the *French* Admiral arrived here, and *Tournay* was delivered up to the King of *France*. Shortly after the two Kings had an Interview between *Arde* and *Guienne*, where were great Triumphs. There was alſo a ſolemn Meeting betwixt the *Emperour Charles* V. and the King of *England*, who went with him to *Graveling*, and afterwards to *Calais*, where he was moſt ſumptuouſly entertained.

In his *Thirteenth* Year, the Emperor *Charles* V. was moſt honourably received by Lord-Mayor and Citizens of *London*, who with them went to meet the King at *Windſor*, where he was created Knight of the Garter, and ſoon after returned into *Spain*.

CHRISTIAN King of *Denmark* next paid the the King a Viſit, and was entertained here in a very grand Manner.

During theſe Royal Interviews, the Earl of *Surrey*, Lord Admiral, who before had appeaſed the Multitude in *Ireland*, burnt divers Towns in *Britanny* and *Picardy*, and the Duke of *Suffolk* invaded

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invaded *France* with 10,000 Men, and passing the River *Soane*, spoiled many Towns and Villages, returned without Opposition.

The Duke of *Albany*, in *Scotland*, who had before made a fruitless Attempt against *England*, besieged the Castle of *Werk*, but hearing of the Earl of *Surrey*'s March towards him, he retreated.

Cardinal *Wolsey*, in the *Eighteenth* Year of this Reign, was sent Ambassador to *France*, to conclude a League between the two Crowns, who both defied the Emperor, and sent an Army into *Italy* to make War against him. Upon which the Great Master of *France* came over to *England* to ratify the League above-mentioned, which verifies that Part of the Prediction, wherein it is said, that, *The fierce* Lyon *who rouzed himself, should be favoured both by God and Man.* And, *if he but shewed his* Paw, *that* France, Scotland, *and the* Emperour, *should stoop to him, and come readily into his Measures.* Also *that* Spain, *and the* African Moors, *should yield to the* British LYON.

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In his *Twenty-firſt* Year, the King fell in Love with *Anne Boleyn*, and by all poſſible Means ſought a Divorce from his Queen; pretending Matter of Conſcience, and that he had long inceſtuouſly lived with his Brother's Wife. On which Account Legates from *Rome* came over to debate the Lawfulneſs and Unlawfulneſs of the King's Marriage. Cardinal *Wolſey*, ſtrongly oppoſing a Divorce, was diſplaced from his Chancellorſhip; and, a Peace being concluded between the Emperour and the King; the Year after, this Great Cardinal who had been arreſted for High-Treaſon, and by that Means his immenſe Riches forfeited to the Crown, died on the Feſtival of St. *Andrew*, not without Suſpicion of being poiſoned.

The *King* was afterwards divorced from his *Queen*, and married *Anne* of *Boleyn*. She was alſo on *Whitſunday* crowned Queen of *England*; and on *Midſummer*-Day following, died the Princeſs *Mary*, the King's Siſter, Dowager Queen of *France*, who had married *Charles Brandon* Earl of *Suffolk*.

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In a Tournament at this famous Marriage, the Trappings of the Earl's Horſe, being Half *Cloth of Gold*, and the other Half *Frize*, were compoſed theſe Verſes,

Cloth of Gold *do not deſpiſe*,
Tho' Thou art match'd with Cloth of Frize:
Cloth of Frize *be not too bold*,
Tho' Thou art match'd with Cloth of Gold.

denoting hereby the extraordinary Diſparity of this Match.

On the Eve of the Nativity of the Bleſſed Virgin following, was born Princeſs ELIZABETH at *Greenwich*, in which Year, as an happy Preſage of her future Love unto the Goſpel of *Chriſt*, it was enacted, that, *No Man ſhould ſue out any Appeal to the See of* Rome *on any Occaſion whatſoever.*

In the *Twenty-ſeventh* Year, died *Catherine* the Divorced Queen. The next Year Queen *Anne* of *Boleyn*, together with her Brother the Lord *Rochford*, *Noris*, *Weſton*, *Brereton* and *Merks*,

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were attainted of High Treason and Beheaded. Soon after which, the King married the Lady *Jane Seymour*, 1537.

On Saint *Edward's-Eve*, in *June*, Prince EDWARD was born at *Hampton-Court*; and on the 23d of *October* following Queen JANE died, and was interred at *Windsor*.

Kow the KING Abolished all the Usurped Power of the POPE out of *England*, and took upon himself the sole *Supremacy* of the *Church*, and to his Majesty were granted the *First-Fruits* and *Tenths* of all Spiritual Possessions.

For denying this *Supremacy* of the KING, Sir *Thomas More*, Lord Chancellor, and *Fisher* Bishop of *Rochester*, were beheaded, as were likewise Three Monks of the *Charter-House* for the same Offence. Then followed the Dissolution of all *Abbeys*, *Fryaries*, and *Nunneries*, throughout the Realm, and a Proclamation was issued for Reading the *English-Bible* in all Churches. All which farther fulfil the Prophecy, *that, the Bishop on Seven Hills, who, with his Triple*

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Triple Crown, filled the Chriſtian World with Terror, ſhould be diveſted of his Uſurped Power, and have all the Horns of his Baſan-*Bulls blunted by an* Engliſh *Prince, and his ſhorn-headed Monks put to flight.*

Many ſuffered for denying the King's *Supremacy, viz. Forreſt*, a Fryar, was executed in *Smithfield*, as were likewiſe the Abbots of *Reading*, *Colcheſter*, and *Glaſtenbury*: the laſt of whom, named *Whiting*, the King commanded to be hanged upon the Top of the Tower, ſo that he might there be ſeen at *Twenty* Miles diſtance, which occaſioned this Diſtich in the Prophecy,

O'er Glaſtenbury,—the Eye that's dim,
May at that Day behold a Whiting ſwim.

Allegorically alluding to that Abbot's *Name*, it being impoſſible for the Sea, on the moſt violent Inundation, to riſe to ſuch a Height. But the Abbot's *Body* indeed might be ſeen waving between the two Elements of Earth and Air.

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After divers Rebellions in *Ireland* and elſe-where, all which were quaſhed, the Rebel *O Neale* with his Confederates ſubmitted to the King's Grace and Mercy. After which *O Naile* was made Earl of *Tyrone*, and his Son Baron of *Duncannon*. Thus did our *Lyon*, King *Henry*, render the untunable *Iriſh* Harp, harmonious.

Thomas Cromwell Earl of *Eſſex*, and the Lord *Hungerford*, were, on *Tower-Hill*, Beheaded for High Treaſon.

In his *thirty-fifth* Year, the Earl of *Hertford*, Lieutenant-General of the *Scottiſh* Forces, landed at *Leith*, and ravaged and laid waſte the Country, together with the City of *Edinborow*. For their eminent Services, he made at *Leith*, 45 Knights, and thus became the King victorious over *Scotland*.

In this Interim, War was proclaimed againſt *France*, and the King gave free Liberty to all his Subjects to uſe the *French* King in whatever Manner they thought proper as to Trade and Commerce; and the next Year he ſent an Army to

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to invade that Nation. In this Expedition, on the 13th Day of *September*, the Town of *Boleyn* was victoriously conquered; and the same Year were taken above 300 Sail of the *French* Navy.

The Year following, being the *Thirty-seventh* of his Reign, Peace was proclaimed between *England* and *France*. And the next Year by the King's express Command was Beheaded, on *Tower-Hill*, the Noble Earl of *Surrey*, on the 9th Day of *January*, and on the 28th Day of the same Month the King himself departed this Life 1547. His Body was most Royally intombed at *Windsor* the 16th of *February* following.

King EDWARD the Sixth now Ascended the Throne, and on the 19th Day of the same Month, rode with his Uncle Sir *Edward Seymour* (created Duke of *Somerset* and made Protector of *England* during the King's Minority) and the Nobility of the Land, from the *Tower* to *Westminster-Abbey*, where he was crowned by Dr. *Thomas Cranmer*, Archbishop of *Canterbury*.

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Of this King's Birth, and Reign, hear what MERLIN prognoſticated in his *twenty-third* PROPHECY.

By Birth a Ceſar, and in Hopes as great,
Shall next aſcend unto th'Imperial Seat.
Who, e'er mature, cropt in his tender Bloome,
Shall act more 'gainſt, than Ceſar did for Rome,
He, th'Ariſtocracy Monarchall makes;
This from the Triple-Crown the Scepter takes.
Upright he ſhall between Two Baſes ſtand,
One in the Sea fixt, t'other on the Land.
Theſe ſhall his Pupillage ſtrongly maintaine,
Secure the Continent and ſcour the Maine.
But theſe Supporters will be ta'en away
By a Northumber's Wolfe, and Suffolk's Gray.
Then fall muſt this fair Structure built on high,
And th'Engliſh like the Roman Ceſar die.

By the Duke of *Somerſet*, then Lord Protector's Means, all *Popiſh Images* were pulled down, in all Churches throughout *England*. The Marriages of Prieſts made lawful by Parliament, and *Bonner*

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Bonner Biſhop of *London* and other *Romiſh Prelates* depoſed; and the Church ſupplied with worthy Proteſtant Paſtors in their Places, verifying the former Part of the Prediction, that, *The Engliſh* CÆSAR, *ſhould do more* againſt, *than the Roman* CÆSAR *could do* for *Rome*.

An Ambaſſador was ſent from *France* to congratulate this young Prince on his Succeſſion to the Throne. Sir *Thomas Seymour*, Brother to the Protector, was made Lord High Admiral, and became victorious over the *Scottiſh* Fleet. As did likewiſe the King's Land Forces in the famous Battle of *Moſſelborrow* Field.

It was now alſo ordained by the Lord Protector, That the Bleſſed Sacrament ſhould be adminiſtred, in both Kinds, to the People; for oppoſing which *Stephen Gardiner* Biſhop of *Winchester*, was ſent to the Tower. Orders were ſent to every Pariſh throughout *England*, that no dead Body ſhould be buried before *Six* of the Clock in the *Morning*, nor after *Six* at *Night*; and, that on the Death of any Perſon, the Bell ſhould toll three Quarters of an Hour at leaſt.

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The Dukes of *Northamberland* and *Suffolk*, *Dudley* and *Grey*, now greatly murmuring that the King's two Uncles ſhould bear the whole Sway of the Realm, plotted with their Wives to deſtroy them. Thus it happened:

Sir *Thomas Seymour* Lord High Admiral, having married the Queen Dowager (who was the only Survivor of *Henry* the VIIIth's Six Wives) conteſted with her Siſter-in-Law for *Pretedency*. To which the Protector's Wife, ſtanding upon her *Priority*, would not by any Means be perſuaded to yield. This Emulation, between the *Two Siſters*, ſoon rouſed their *Husbands* to appear in their Behalf; each defended their reſpective Deſerts, inſomuch that they impeached the Conduct of one another. And by the Inſtigation of the two incenſed Ladies, a mortal Hatred aroſe between the *two* Brothers, inſomuch that by the Protector's Means the Admiral was charged with Male-Adminiſtratson in his Office, Tryed, and Beheaded; his Brother ſigning the Warrant for his Execution.

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In a Month after this Removal of the Lord High Admiral, the Lord Protector was committed to the Tower, and impeached of High Treason. But after a Year's Imprisonment, upon his Submission, he was releas'd, and enjoyed his former Honours. But, in a very short time after, his two potent Adversaries prosecuting their Resentments with the utmost Violence against him, he was called to a *second Account*, and tho' he had nobly acquitted himself before his Peers of all that was alledged against him, yet was he in the *Guildhall* of *London*, by a Jury of Citizens, convicted of Felony, and Beheaded for the same on *Tower-Hill*, farther verifying the Prediction, *That tho' the* two Bases *between whom the King stood, should secure the Land, and scour the Seas; yet these Supporters should be taken away by the* Wolf *and* Gray, *i. e. the* Wives *of* Northumberland *and* Suffolk.

The Reason of King *Edward*'s being called CÆSAR, in this *Prophecy*, was from his being cut, or ripped, out of his Mother's Womb.

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On the 6th Day of *July* 1553, this pious young Prince departed this Life at *Greenwich* in the 16th Year of his Age. Some say that he died of a Pleurefy, others that he was poiſoned by a Noſegay: it being generally murmured by the People that the *two* Uncles being removed, the Nephew could not long remain after, agreeing with the Cloſe of the Prophecy,

Fall, then, muſt this Fair Structure built on high,
And th' Engliſh like the Roman Ceſar die.

Religiouſly he lived; Devoutly he died; that he breathed his laſt is certain, but where his Body lies buried, to us moſt uncertain.

The two ambitious Dukes of *Northumberland* and *Suffolk*, thinking to exclude the two Princeſſes, *Mary* and *Elizabeth*, reporting them illegitimate; made a Match between *Guilford Dudley*, Fourth Son of *Northumberland*, and the Lady *Jane Gray* only Daughter of the Duke of *Suffolk*, and pretending that King *Edward* had nominated her as his Succeſſor, they proclaimed her Queen, which terminated in her Deſtruction.

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The Princeſs *Mary* was at this Time at *Framingham* in *Suffolk*, and greatly ſurprized at this Proceeding. However, all *Northumberland*'s Projects were ſoon defeated, himſelf arreſted for High Treaſon, and committed Priſoner to the Tower.

Queen MARY, after theſe Tumults were quelled, was crowned at *Weſtminſter* by *Stephen Gardiner*, Biſhop of *Wincheſter*, and the Princeſs ELIZABETH was preſent at the Solemnity, 1553.

MERLIN's *Twenty-fourth* Prophecy of her Reign, *viz.*

Then ſhall the Maſc'line Sceptre ceaſe to ſway,
And the whole Land a Spinſter ſhall obey;
Who to the Papal Tripod ſhall reſtore,
All that the Phœnix had fetcht thence before;
Then ſhall come in the Faggot and the Stake,
And they of Martyr-Bodies Bonfires make.
Match ſhall this Lioneſſe with Ceſar's Sonne,
From the Pontifick Sea a Pool ſhall runne;

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That wide ſhall ſpread its Waters, and t'a Flood
In time ſhall grow: made red with human Blood.
Men ſhall her ſhort un-proſp'rous Reign deplore,
By Loſſe at Sea, and Damage on the Shore;
When dead, her Heart diſſect, and you in it
Will in large Characters find Calais writ.

After Lady *Jane Gray*, fell the Biſhops *Cranmer*, *Ridley* and *Latimer*. The Cruelties of this Reign are ſo particularized in this Prophecy (by the *Spinſter's* undoing all that the *Phœnix* had done towards eſtabliſhing of the Proteſtant Faith) that it ſtands not in need of any other Explanation. The *Pool* which was to run from the *Pontific Sea*, is manifeſted in the Cardinal of that *Name*, who was the chief Inſtigator of the *Lioneſs*, and her Marriage with *Cæſar's* Son plainly points out PHILIP of *Spain*.

It was rumoured by ſome, that the Queen had an Inclination to marry Cardinal *Pool*; however that be, after *Cranmer's* Execution *Pool* was made Archbiſhop of *Canterbury*; but in three Years after his Promotion he died in the 58th Year of his

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his Age, and was buried in *Thomas à Becket's* Chapel in *Canterbury* Cathedral, and this short Inſcription put over him,

DEPOSITUM CARDINALIS POLI.

Upon the Arrival of PHILIP from *Spain*, he landed at *Southampton*, and was moſt magnificently received. His Nuptials with Queen MARY were ſolemnized at *Wincheſter* the 19th of *July*, 1554. After which they made a Public Entry through *London* to their Palace at *Weſtminſter*.

The Cruelties exerciſed rendered her Reign unproſperous and ſhort. PHILIP ſuſpecting Plots, grew uneaſy, and left the Land; at which MARY was very reſtleſs. The Loſs of *Calais* went to her *Heart*, which, as our Prophet hinteth, and ſhe herſelf declared, might be found written *thereon*. Her Vexations threw her into a Conſumption, which, joined by a burning Fever, took her off at the Palace at St. *James's* in the 43d Year of her Age, on the 17th Day of *November* 1558. She reigned but 5 Years, 4 Months, and 11 Days.

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On the Day of Queen MARY's Death, ELIZABETH was proclaimed Queen of these Realms to the universal Joy thereof. Of her MERLIN in his *Twenty-fifth* Prophecy thus proceedeth, *viz.*

From th'others Ashes shall a Phœnix rise,
Whose Birth is thus predicted by the Wise,
Her chief predom'nant Star is Mercury,
Jove shall with Venus in Conjunction be;
And Sol with them join with his best Aspect,
With Ariadne's Crown, Astræa deckt
Shall then descend upon this Terrene Stage,
(Not seen before since the First Golden Age)
Against whom all the Latian Bulls shall roar,
But at Jove's awful Summons shall give o'er.
Thro' many Forges shall this Metall glide,
Like Gold by Fire refin'd, and sev'n times tryde.
Her bright and glorious Sun-beams shall expell
The vain Clouds of the Candle, Booke, and Bell.
Domestic Plots and Stratagems Abroad,
Machines from France, th Italianated God,

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The Spaniſh Engine, Portuguezed Jew,
The Jeſuitick Mine, and Politick Crew
Of Home-bred Vipers, let their Threat'ning come
By Private Piſtoll, or by Hoſtile Drum,
Tho' all theſe Dogs chaſe her with open Cry,
She ſhall live lov'd, and fear'd, then Sainted dye.

For the Aſtrological Calculation of this Princeſs's Birth, it fell out moſt exactly; for, where *Mercury*'s Star is moſt predominant, it portends a rare Acuteneſs and Sharpneſs of Wit, a Volubility of Speech, and Retentiveneſs of Memory, with a natural Propenſity to Learning and Knowledge, all which, centered in her.

JUPITER's Star, infuſeth Honour, State, Power and Majeſty. VENUS, Feature, Beauty, Affability and Clemency: *Both* which being at that Time in Conjunction, conferred their General Gifts upon her in partiular; and SOL ſhining at the ſame Hour with a favourable Aſpect, ratified the *Former*, of which Part of the Prophecy there needeth not any farther Explanation.

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The many Troubles this illuſtrious Princeſs went through, her Impriſonment in the Tower, *&c.* import the Purſuit of the Prophecy, that, *againſt her the* Pope's BULLS *ſhould Roar, but, at length, be Quieted. And* ASTREA *the Goddeſs of* Juſtice, *ſhould ſhed her benign Influence, as a Prognoſtic of future Felicity.*

Her Paſſage from the Tower, through the City, to *Weſtminſter*, to her Coronation, was very magnificent, with ſplendid Pageants fitly appropriated to the Grandeur of the Solemnity. Alſo, proper Devices and public Speeches, made, on this joyful Occaſion. All which ſufficiently prove what was foretold that SOL, with his beſt Looks, ſhould ſhine on her; that *Ariadne*'s Crown, and *Aſtrea*'s Juſtice ſhould deck her; that her Reign in *Reality* ſhould be a greater Scene of Glory, than ever the Poets formed of their *Imaginary* GOLDEN AGE; and, that, as, in her *Troubles*, ſhe had been tried as by *Fire*, ſo ſhould ſhe come out of the *Furnace* of *Affliction* ſeven times purified.

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This was confirmed by her long, prosperous, and every-way happy Reign; having quelled all Foreign and Domestic Attempts aimed at her Royal Person. She despised the *Roaring* of *Romish Bulls*, and put the *Spanish Armada* to Flight, *&c.*

By these most Glorious Acts did she expell,
All the vain Clouds of Candle, Book and Bell;
Tho' all Rome's *Dogs chac'd her with open Cry,*
She liv'd, lov'd, fear'd; and Sainted did she Dye,

On the 24th Day of *March*, in the 45th Year of her Reign, and the 70th Year of her Age. She was buried in *Westminster* Abbey.

Many other *Prophecies* have been dispersed abroad, under the Name of MERLIN, of which we shall here give *One* only, *viz.*

When Hempe *is ripe and ready to pull,*
Then, Englishman, *beware thy Skull.*

In the Word *Hempe* are five Letters, which refer to the *five* successive Princes.

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H ſignifieth *Henry* VIII.
E *Edward* VI.
M *Mary*.
P *Philip* her Conſort.
E *Elizabeth*.

After whoſe Death it was greatly feared, ſome Trouble might ariſe about the Crown, that King *James* might come in, with Turbulence, verifying this Caution in the Propheoy,

Then, Engliſhman, *beware thy Skull*.

But theſe Fears were ſoon diſſipated, for the Queen being asked, on her Death-Bed, by ſome of her Council, her Mind concerning a Succeſſor, ſhe thus anſwered,——*I have ſaid my Throne hath been the Throne of* KINGS, *I would not that a mean Perſon ſhould ſucceed me. I will have a* KING *ſucceed me, and what* KING *but the* KING *of* Scots, *who is my neareſt Kinſman*.

Accordingly He did ſucceed her, at 36 Years of Age, without the leaſt Trouble or Turmoil, and on St. *James*'s Day, the King with his Wife Queen ANNE, were both crowned at *Weſtminſter*.

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Now was Accomplished the Catastrophe of MERLIN's Predictions, *viz.*

The German-Horse, the British-Lyon join'd,
And North with South, in mutual Bands did join.

Here we cannot but observe *One* Thing most remarkable, *viz.* The *Fatality* of that Day of the Week, called *Thursday*, to King HENRY the VIIIth, and all his Family.

For, HE died on THURSDAY the 28th Day of *January*, 1546.

King EDWARD the VIth died on THURSDAY the 6th Day of *July*, 1553.

Queen MARY died on THURSDAY the 17th Day of *November*, 1558.

Queen ELIZABETH died on THURSDAY the 24th Day of *March*, 1603.

The following Prophecy of King JAMES's Reign concludes our Labours, *viz.*

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On (1) *Boreas' Wings to England ſhall be borne,*
Thro (2) *Week o'er Tweed, a Princely* (3) *Unicorn,*
Who brought into the World his own fair Creſt,
A Lyon Rampant figur'd on his Breaſt; (4)
And with his Arms, ſix Lyons more, ſhall Quarter,
With ſix French Flowers, environ'd with the Garter.
Joining, by Fate's unchangable Diſpoſe,
The Northern Thiſtle to the Southern Roſe;
He ſhall the Apoſtolique Faith maintain,
With pious Zeal; during his (5) *Bleſſed Reign.*
Of this fair Sprig deriv'd from (6) *Richmond's Stock*
No noble Head ſha'l ſtoop unto the Block.

Yet

(1) *Boreas*'s Wings, *i. e.* the North Wind.

(2) From *Week*, o'er *Tweed*——He came through *Berwick* over the River *Tweed.*

(3) By the *Princely Unicorn*, is meant the *Unicorn* which he bore in his Arms.

(4) At his Birth was perceived the Protraiture of a *Lyon*, preſaging, that the *White Lyon* of *Scotland*, ſhould join in Alliance with the Three *Red Lyons* of *England*, Quartered with the Three *Fleur-de-Lis* of *France*, all which are incompaſſed by the *Garter.*

(5) Alluding to this Prince's Motto, BEATI PACIFICI.

(6) The *Thiſtle*, being the *Scots* Arms, was likewiſe joined to the *Engliſh*, *White* and *Red-Roſes*,

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Yet ſhall from th' old (7) *Lupanar Wolves be ſent*
To undermine both Crown and Government,
Striving in Hell to regiſter their Names,
By blowing up the State in (8) *Powder Flames;*
Ah, Woe the while, Rebellion and Prieſtigion,
Should maſque themſelves in Vizors of Religion.
All which the Holy Book merely gainſays,
But Man's corrupt, God juſt, in all his Ways,
Witneſs their wretched Ends, but happy they,
Who keep for that, an Annual Holiday.
This King ſhall be a ſecond Solomon,
Whom all Kings elſe with Wonder gaze upon;
Who, as t' an Oracle, to him ſhall come,
And when he ſpeaks be ſilent all and dumb.
Peace ſhall he keep within him, and without him,
Whilſt in all Lands, Combuſtions are about him.
Him ſhall a Second-Iſſue-Male ſucceed,
Gracious in Word, Victorious in his Deed.

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(7) *Lupanar*, from *Lupa*, ſignifying the Brothel-Houſe of *Rome*'s Whoredoms. Alluding to thoſe *Wolves* who hatched the

(8) *Gun-Powder-Plot*; but, that wicked *Conſpiracy*, and all *Others*, againſt Him, were, by *Divine Providence*, rendered Abortive.

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This *Prophecy* being, in all its Parts, fulfilled, King *James*, after the Loss of his Son Prince *Henry*, and his Royal Consort Queen *Anne*, Himself resigned this mortal Life on the 27th Day of *March* 1625, in the 59th Year of his Age, and the 23d of his Reign. His Body lay several Days in State at *Somerset-House* in the *Strand*, and was, afterwards, in a most sumptuous Manner, Buried at *Westminster*.

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